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The Bug Boy

From the master of Japanese horror manga comes a frightening tale of rejection and revenge!

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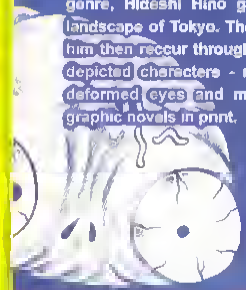

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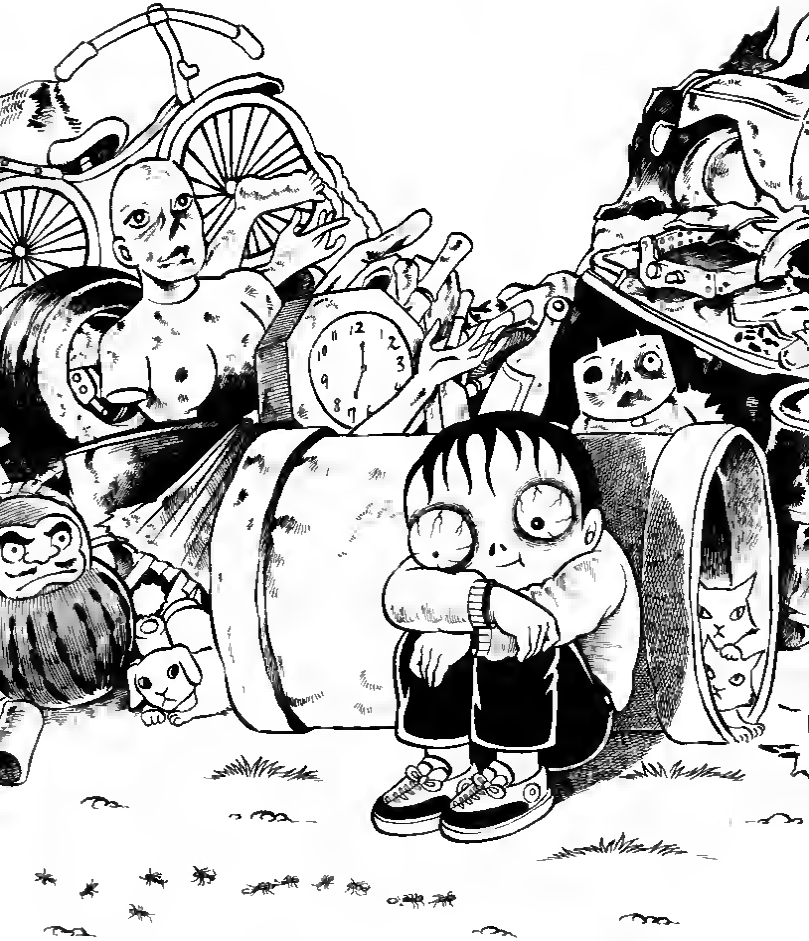

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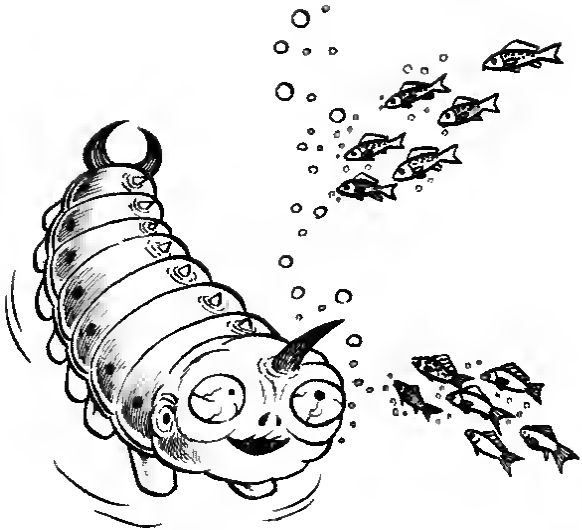

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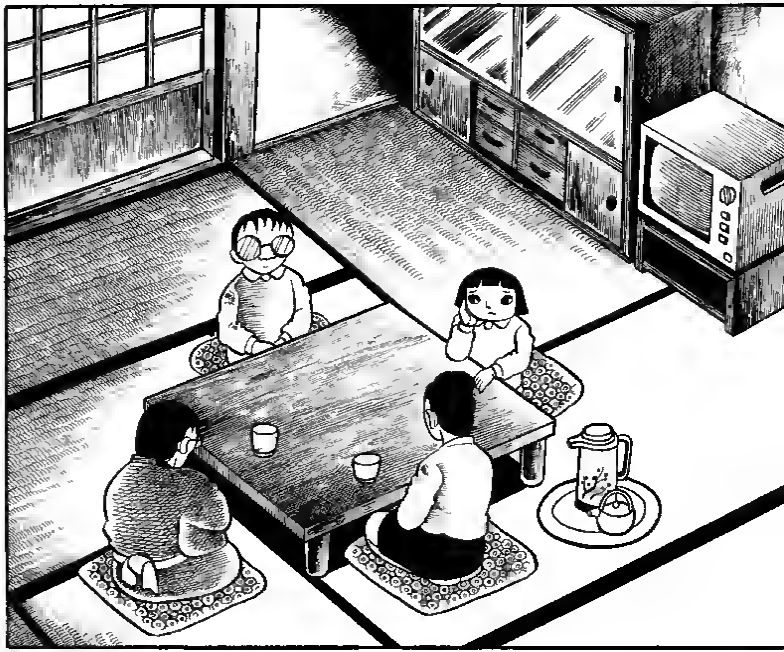

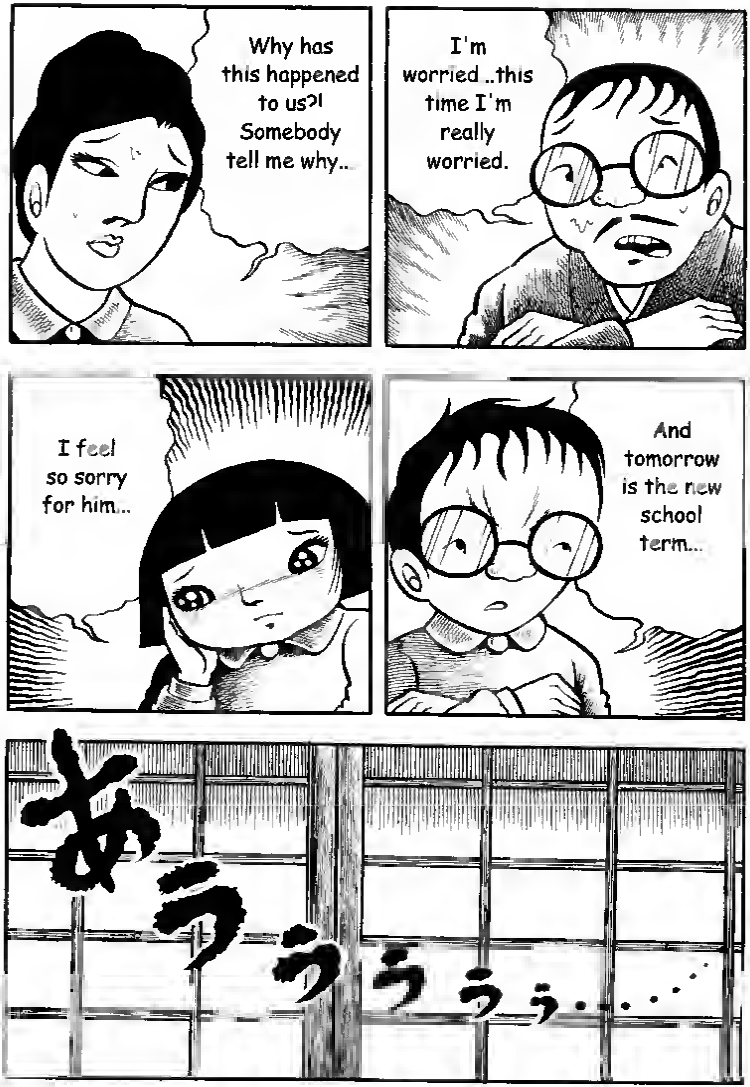
Why has this happened to us?! Somebody tell me why..
I'm worried ..this time I'm really worried.
I feel so sorry for him...
And tomorrow is the new school term...
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But you know there's nothing we con do obout it...
Oh no, don't say it's hoppening agoin...
I've got my high school entronce exoms next yeor. How con I study with oll this going on?
I'm scored, momo. I'm so scored...

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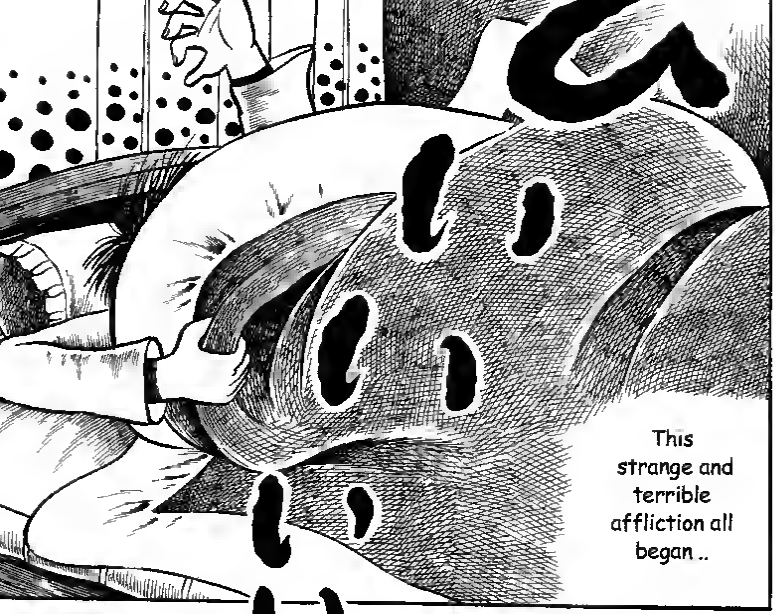
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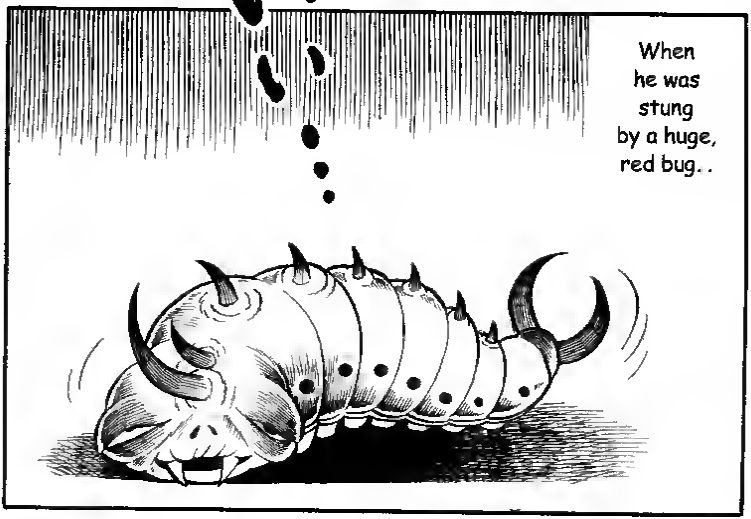
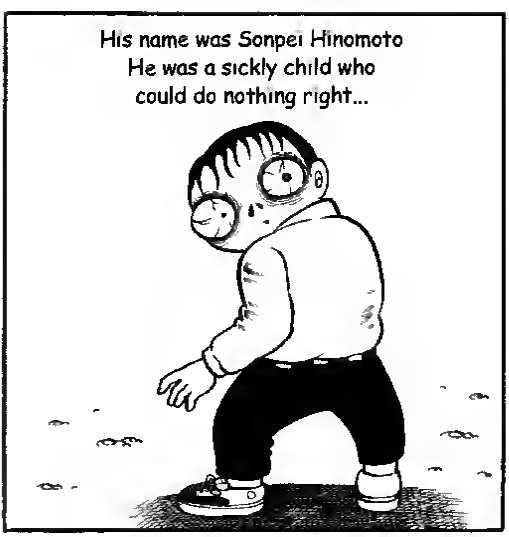
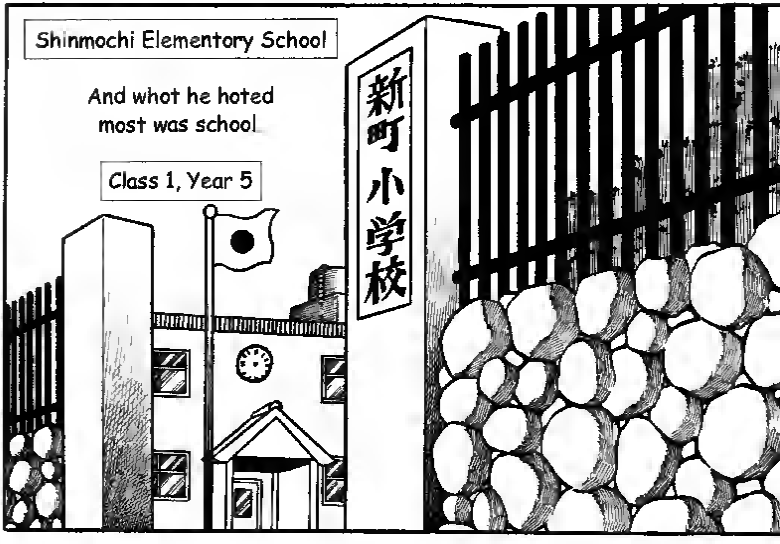

When he was stung by a huge, red bug. .

The Wimp


His name was Sonpei Hinomoto
He was a sickly child who
could do nothing right...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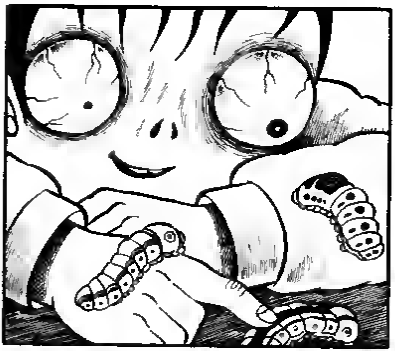

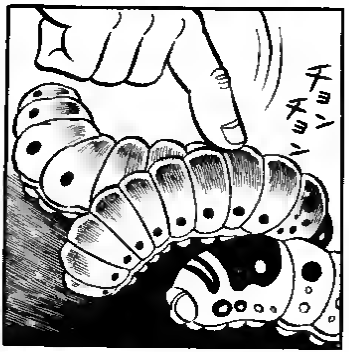
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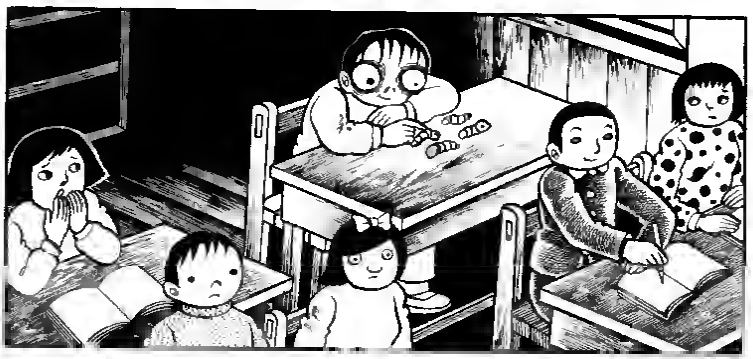

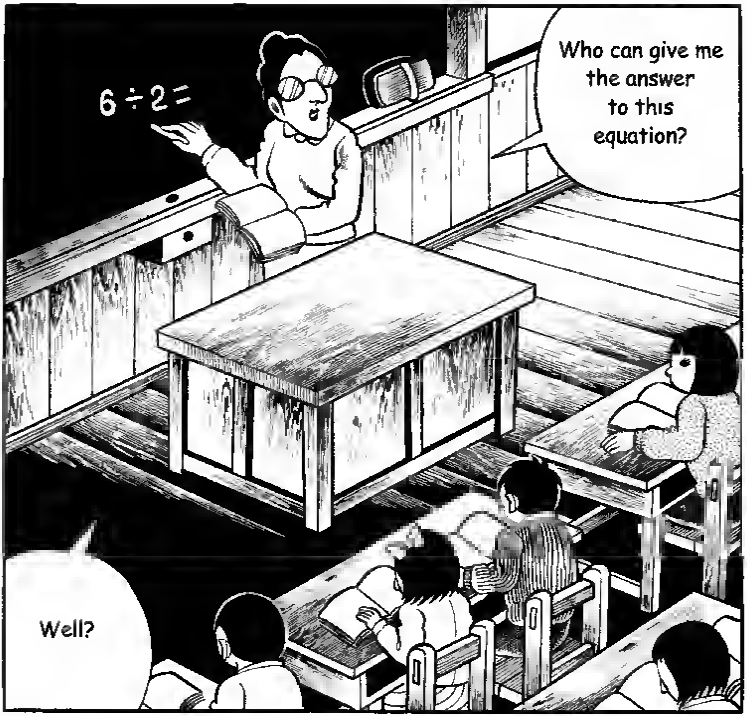
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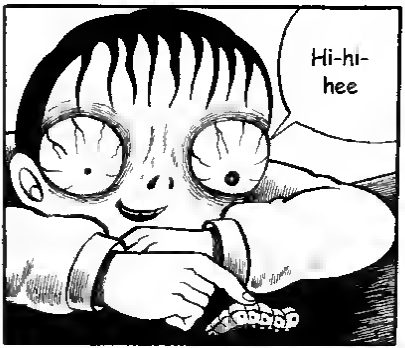
Who can give me the answer to this equation?
Well?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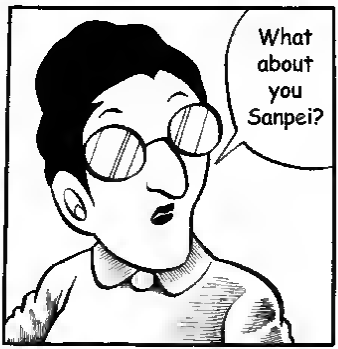
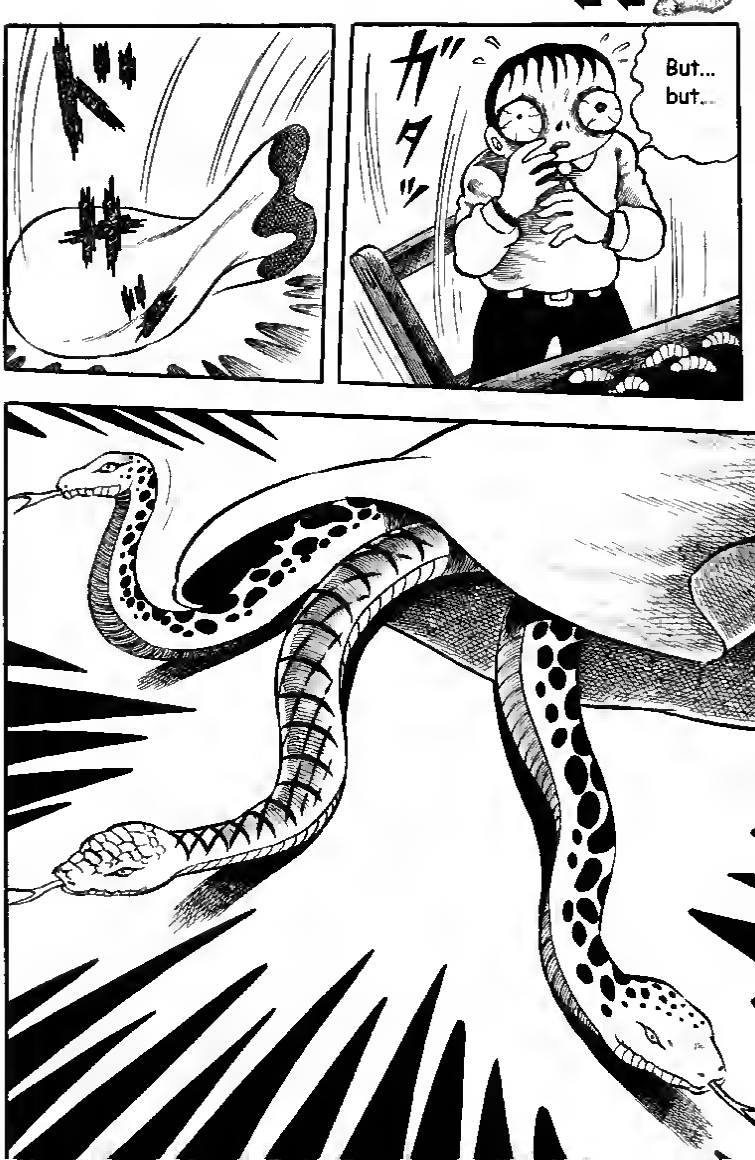

What about you Sanpei?

Right! If you won't answer then you're going to have to learn the hard way!
What have you been doing all lesson, boy?! If you continue like this you're going to get straight Fs!
Aaaagh!


But...
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Muuwaaaaa!!!
Oh...
Oh no! Miss has fainted!! And she's frothing at the mouth!!
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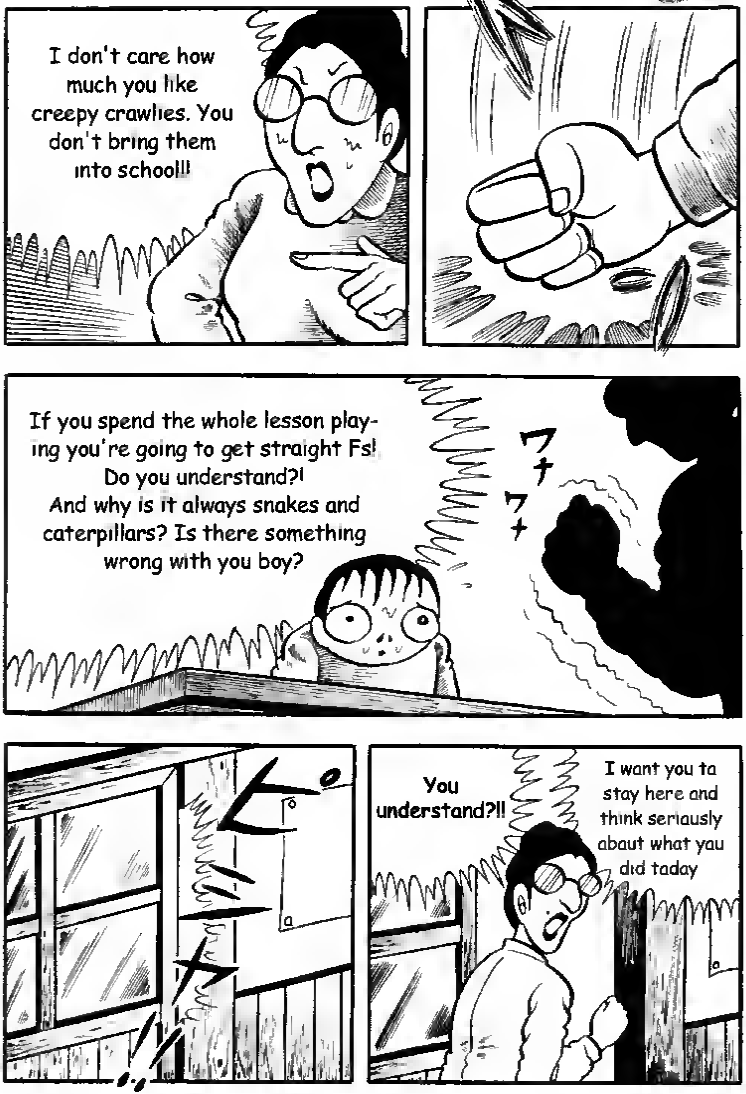
Uuuugh! Slimy snakes!!


I don't care how much you like creepy crawlies. You don't bring them into school!!
If you spend the whole lesson playing you're going to get straight Fs! Do you understand?! And why is it always snakes and caterpillars? Is there something wrong with you boy?
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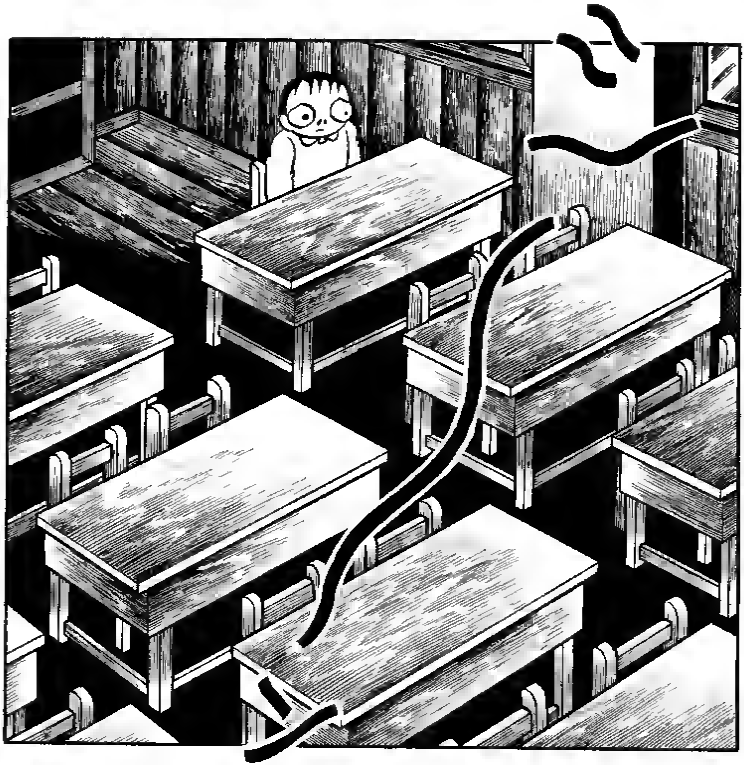
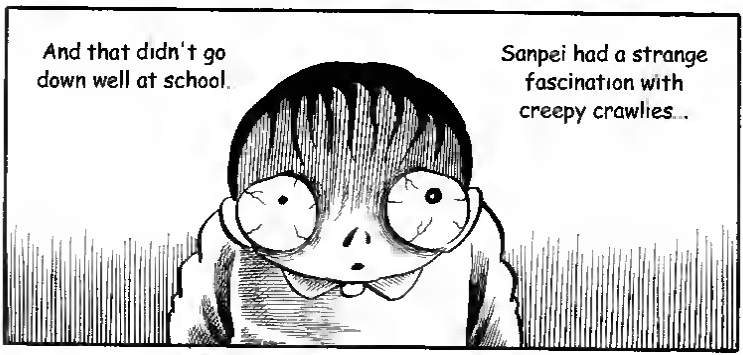
You understand?!!
I want you ta stay here and think seriausly abaut what yau did taday




And that didn't go down well at school.
Sanpei had a strange fascination with creepy crawlies...

Okay, everybody get in line!
For Sanpei, there was only one thing worse than studying. And that was sports.

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Hey! Freak boy's next.
Okay, next!!
ビチャッ
どたっ
どたっ
What a loser!
ケラケラ
ハハハ
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Right
Grab the
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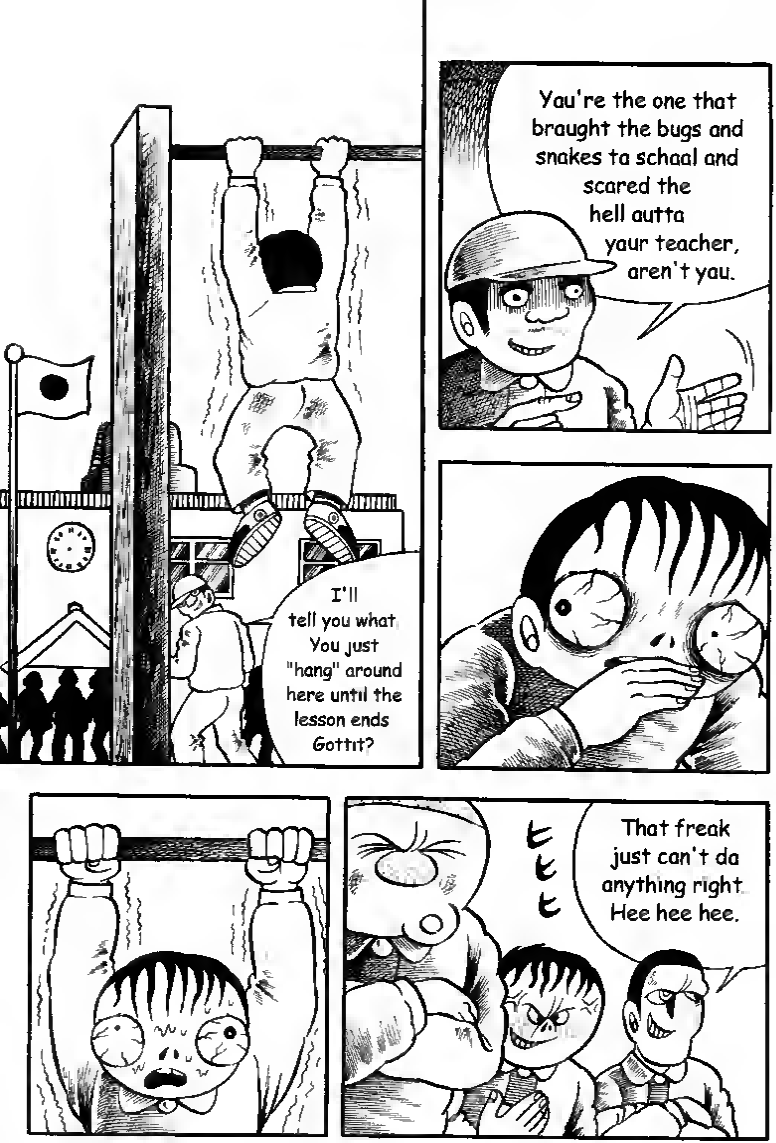
swing round.
Good.
Here.. we...
g-g-g-go..


I'll tell you what. You just "hang" around here until the lesson ends. Gottit?
You're the one that braught the bugs and snakes ta schaal and scared the hell outta yaur teacher, aren't yau.
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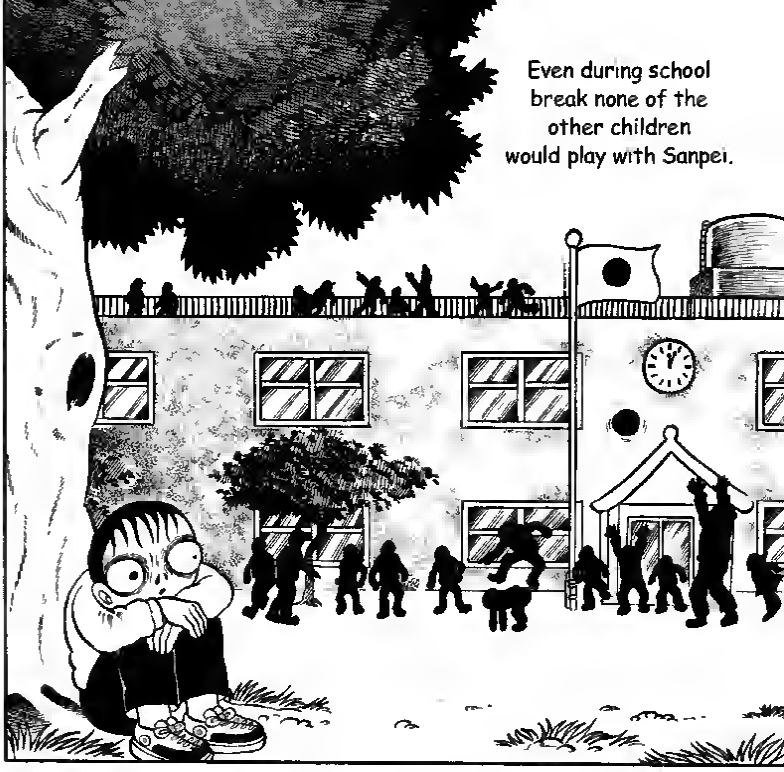
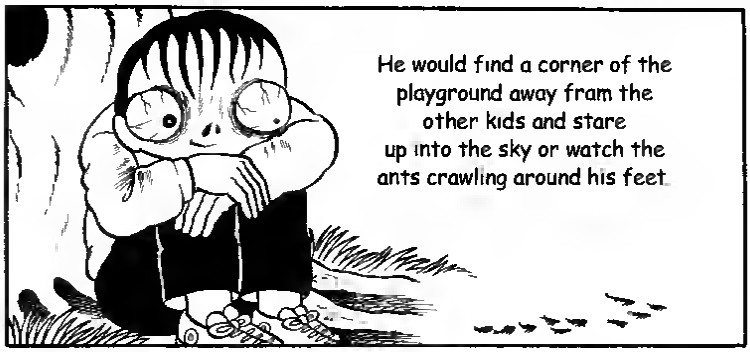
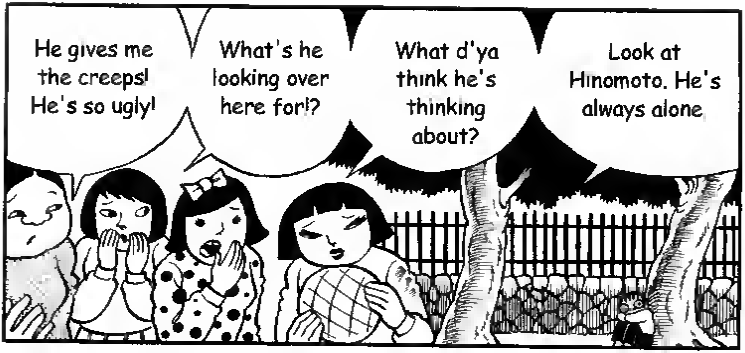
That freak just can't da anything right. Hee hee hee.


Even during school break none of the other children would play with Sanpei.


He would find a corner of the playground away from the other kids and stare up into the sky or watch the ants crawling around his feet.


He gives me the creeps! He's so ugly!
What's he looking over here for!?
What d'ya think he's thinking about?
Look at Hinomoto. He's always alone.

What should I do if he jumps on me?!
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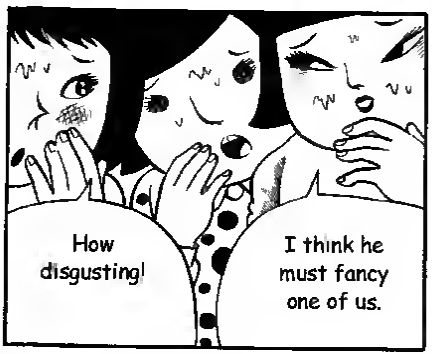
How disgusting!
I think he must fancy one of us.

Wotta you trying to say?! That I'm ugly?!
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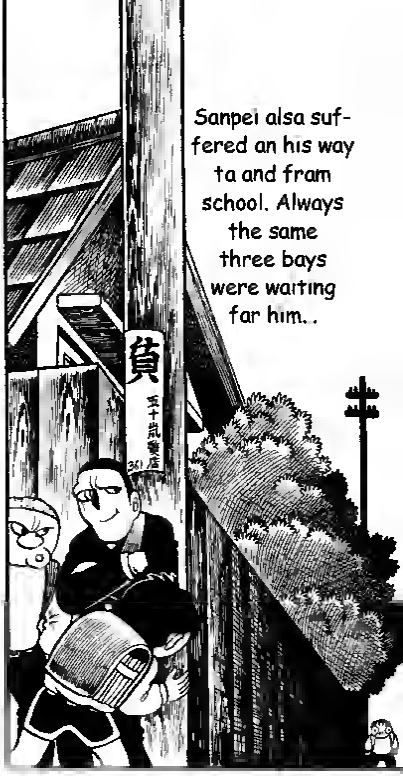
Don't worry about that. I can't imagine anyone wanting to come after you!

Ah!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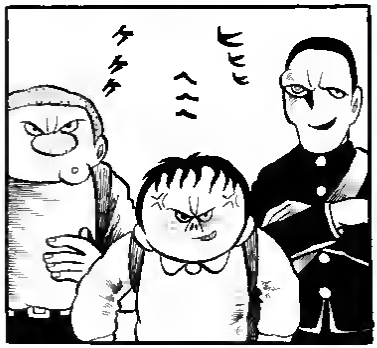
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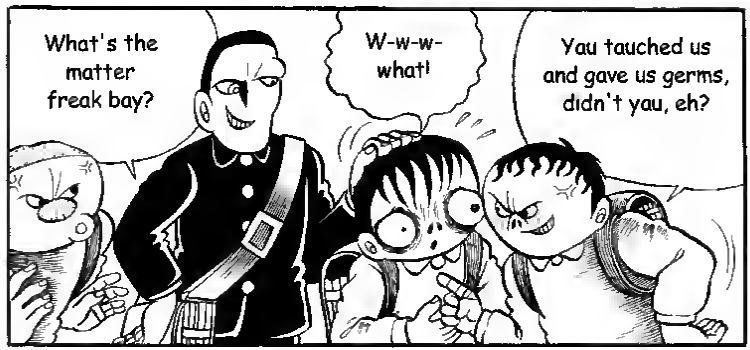
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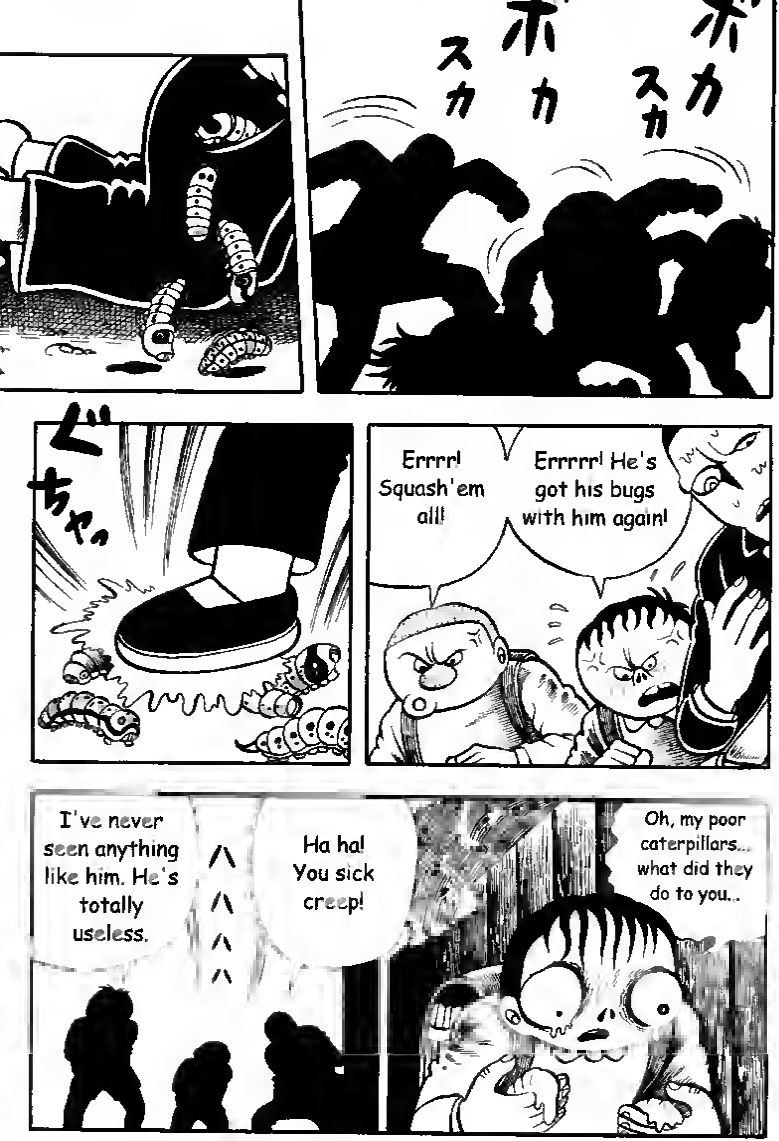
Yau tauched us
and gave us germs,
didn't yau, eh?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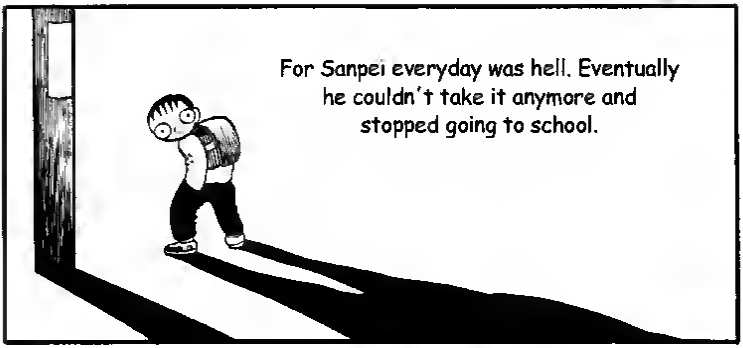
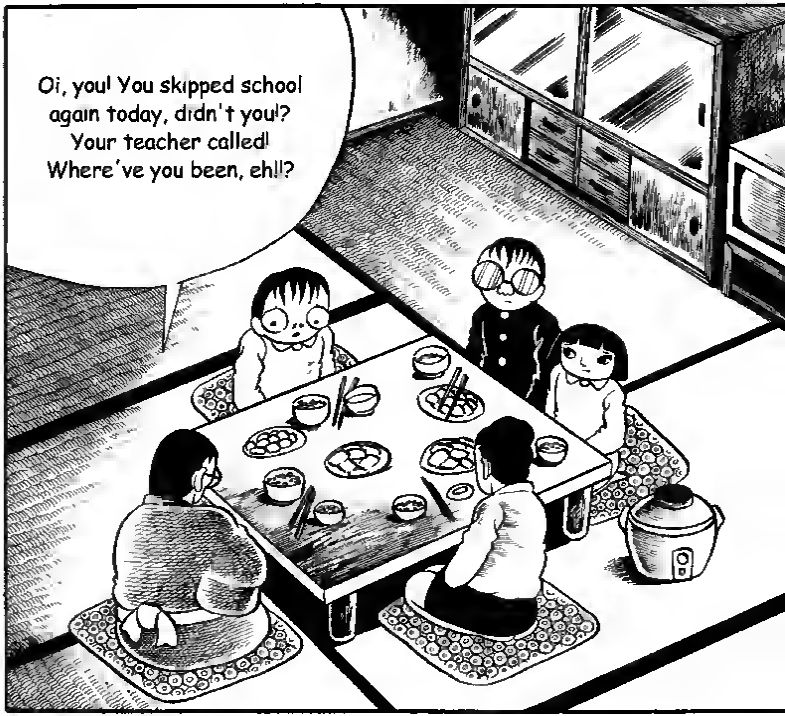
ぐちゃっ
Errrr! Squash'em all!
Errrrr! He's got his bugs with him again!
I've never seen anything like him. He's totally useless.
ハハハハ
Ha ha! You sick creep!
Oh, my poor caterpillars... what did they do to you...


For Sanpei everyday was hell. Eventually he couldn't take it anymore and stopped going to school.


Oi, you! You skipped school again today, didn't you!? Your teacher called! Where've you been, eh!?

I asked you where you've been dammit!! Answer me when I speak to you!!!
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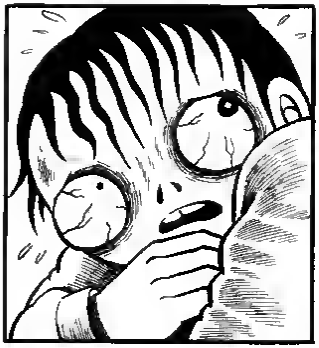
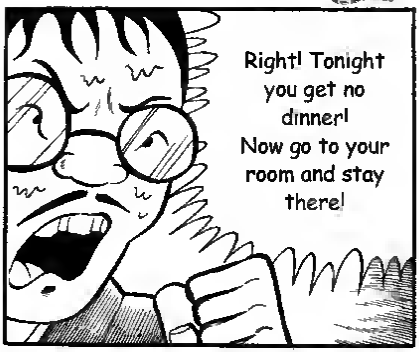
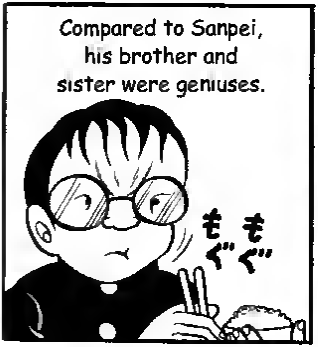
You trying to ignore me?!!
I'll show you what you get for ignoring me, you little brat!!
No! Please! Stop! Stop!!




Right! Tonight you get no dinner! Now go to your room and stay there!


Compared to Sanpei, his brother and sister were geniuses.
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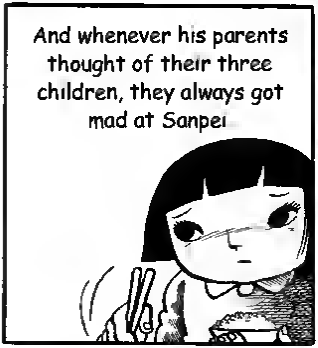
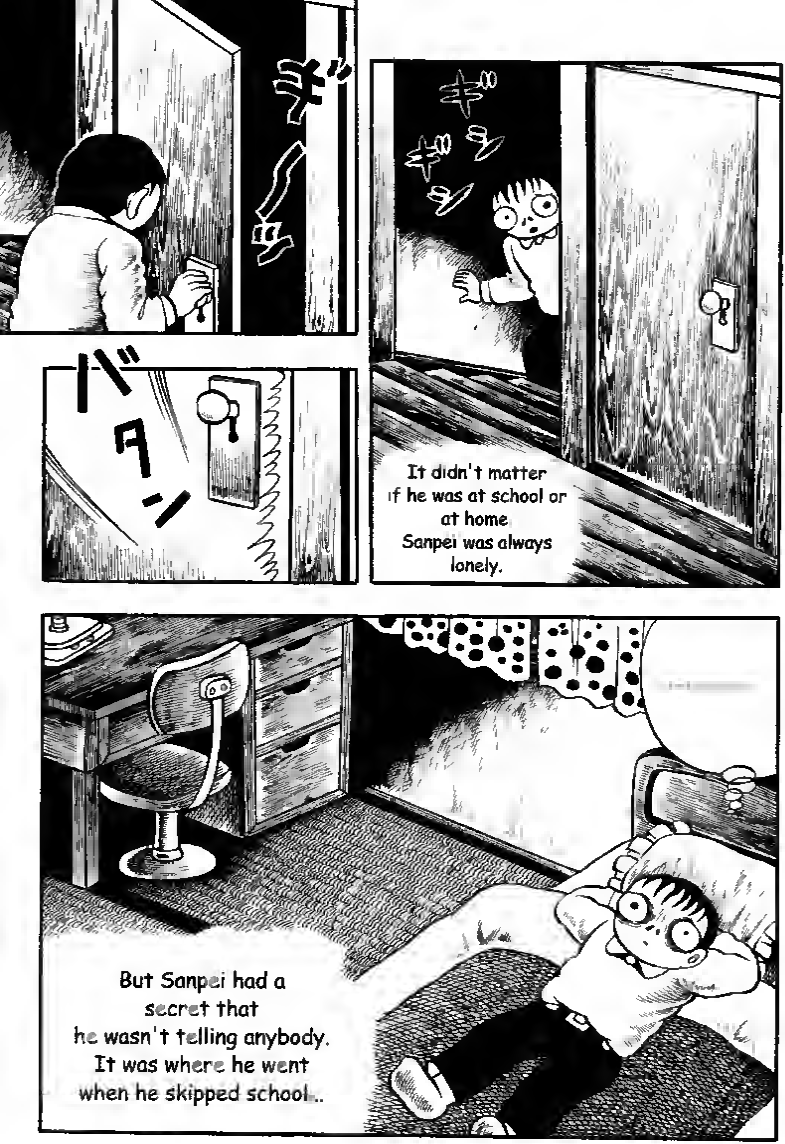

And whenever his parents thought of their three children, they always got mad at Sanpei

Shuichi and Hanako get straight As all the time at school. But this worthless piece of crap...!!!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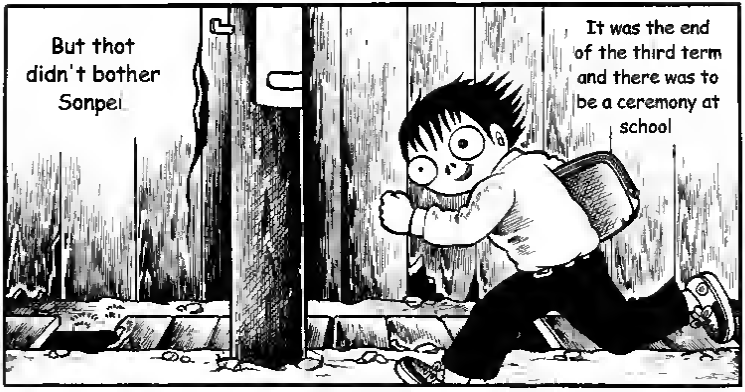
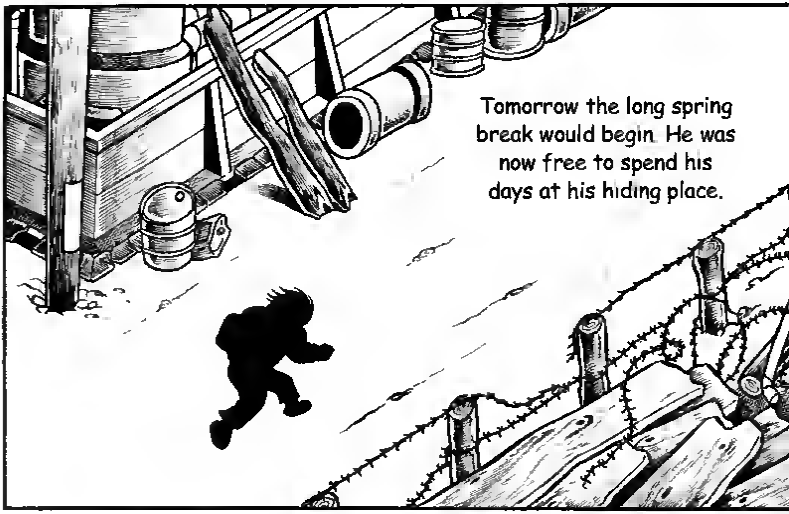
It didn't matter if he was at school or at home Sanpei was always lonely.
But Sanpei had a secret that he wasn't telling anybody. It was where he went when he skipped school...

Secret Hiding Place





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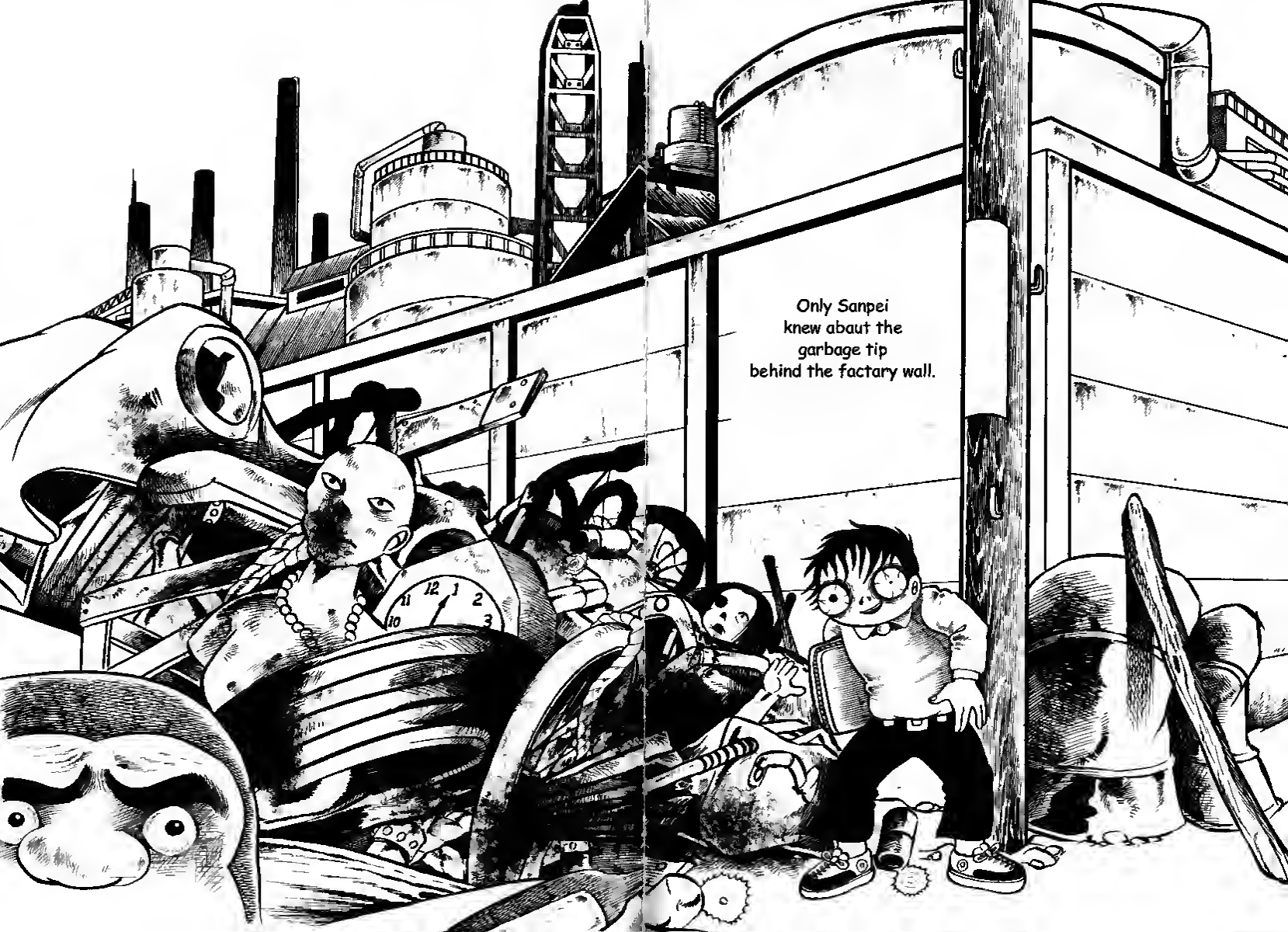
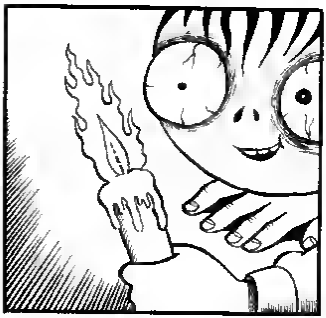
ベースアップ!!

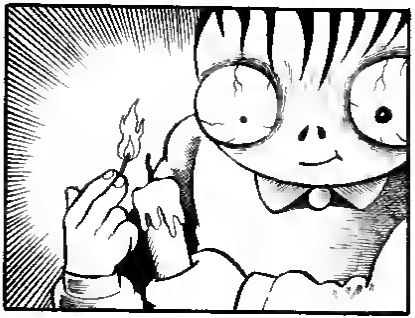

Only Sanpei
knew abaut the
garbage tip
behind the factary wall.

The place was a treasure trove of trash...everything that he could wish for.
Heh heh heh!
For anyone else it was a junk graveyard.

But for Sanpei it was paradise...

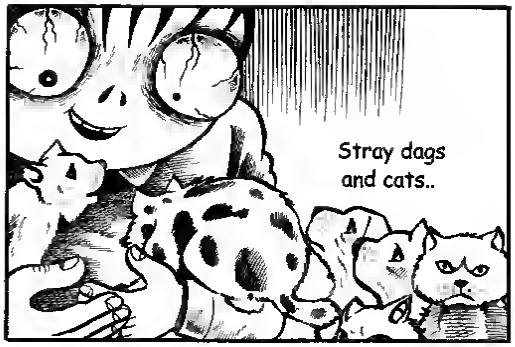
Deep inside the mountain of rubbish he had made his own den

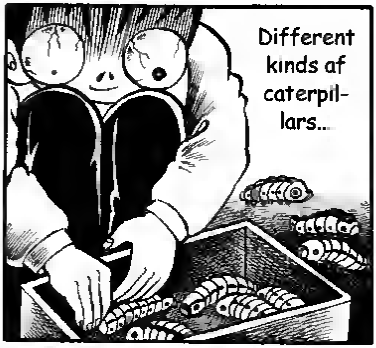


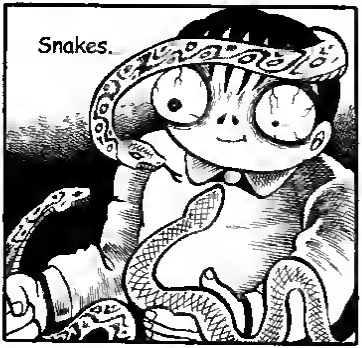


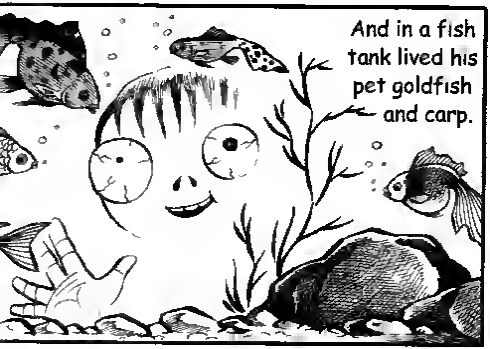
Chirp...
And how are all of you today? Heh Heh.
Meow meow
Yap yap

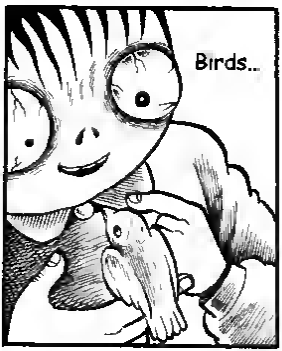
Here Sanpei kept his many pets

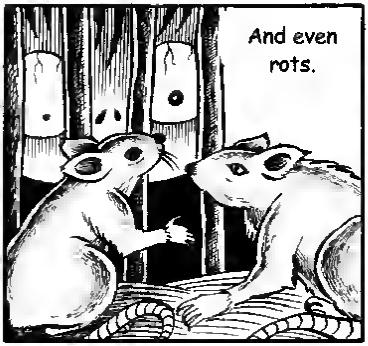


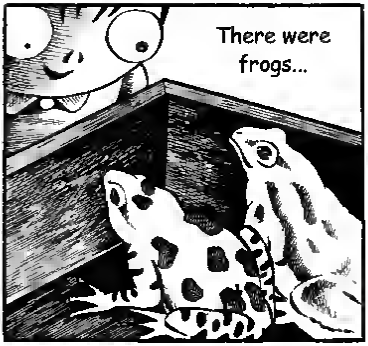


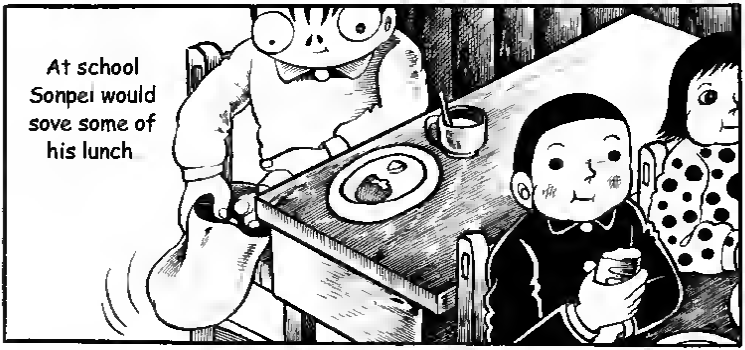




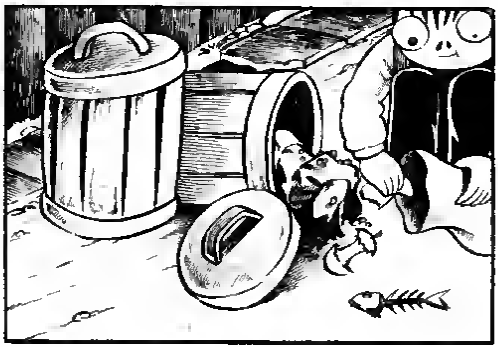


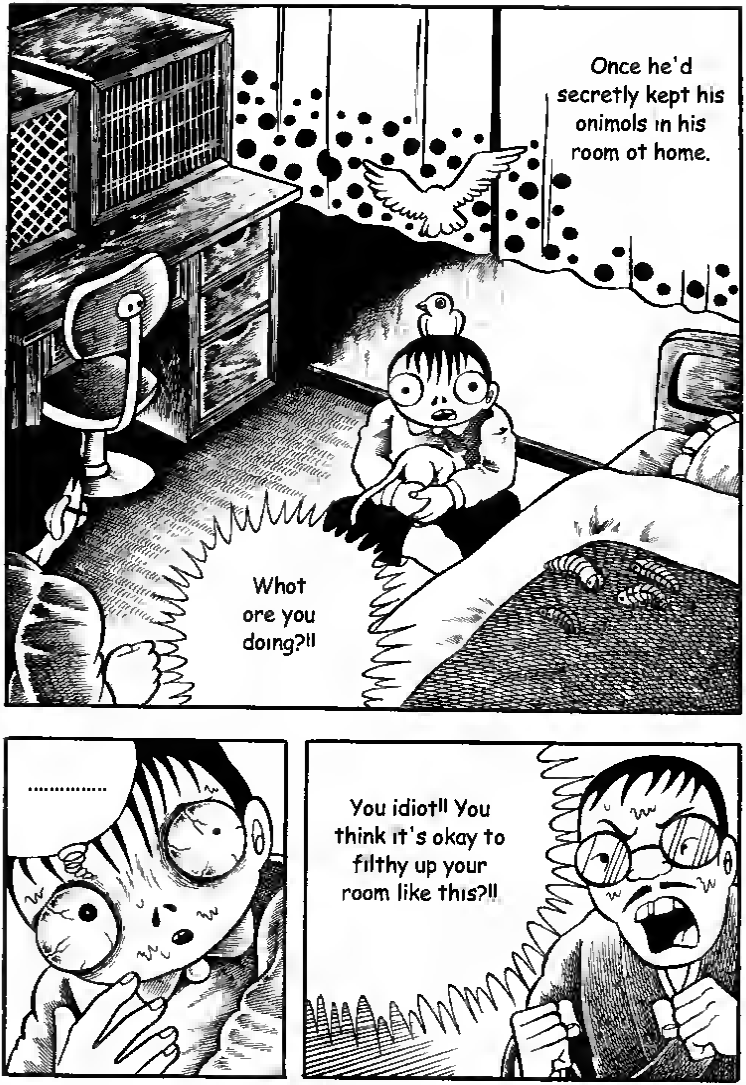






And on his way home he'd look through the trosh cons for scrops he could feed to his pets.




Once he'd secretly kept his onimols in his room ot home.
Whot ore you doing?!!
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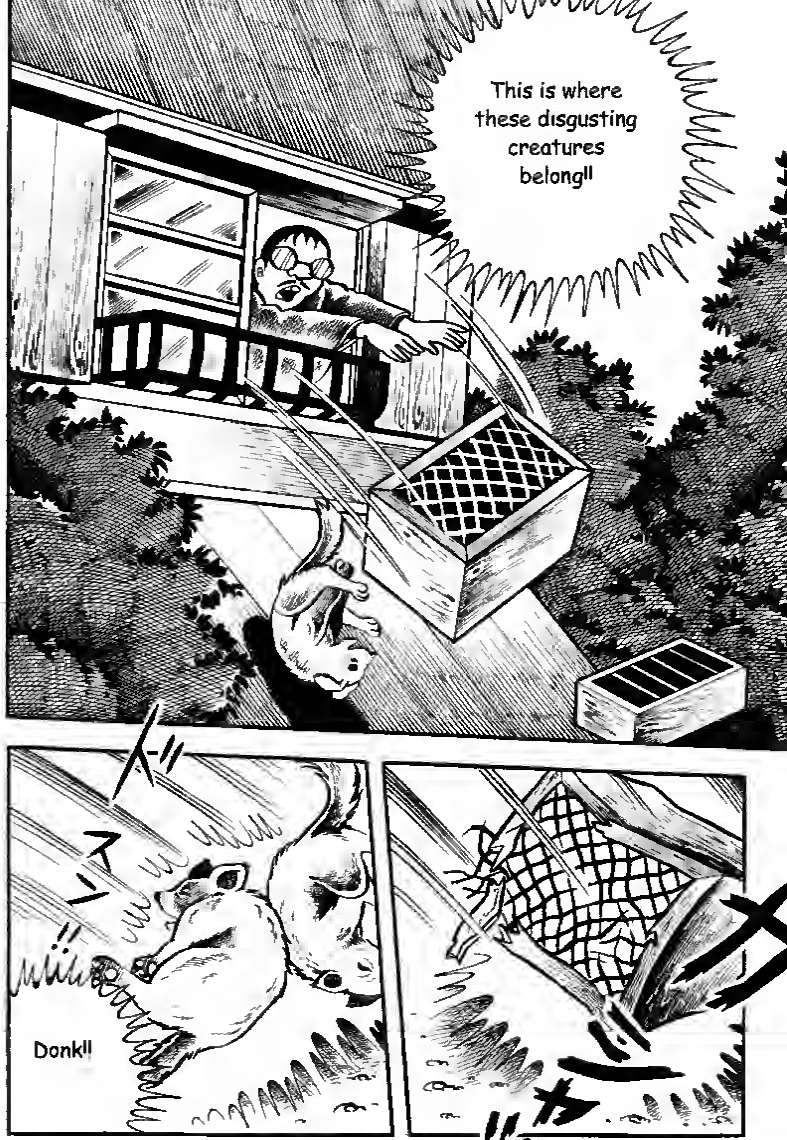
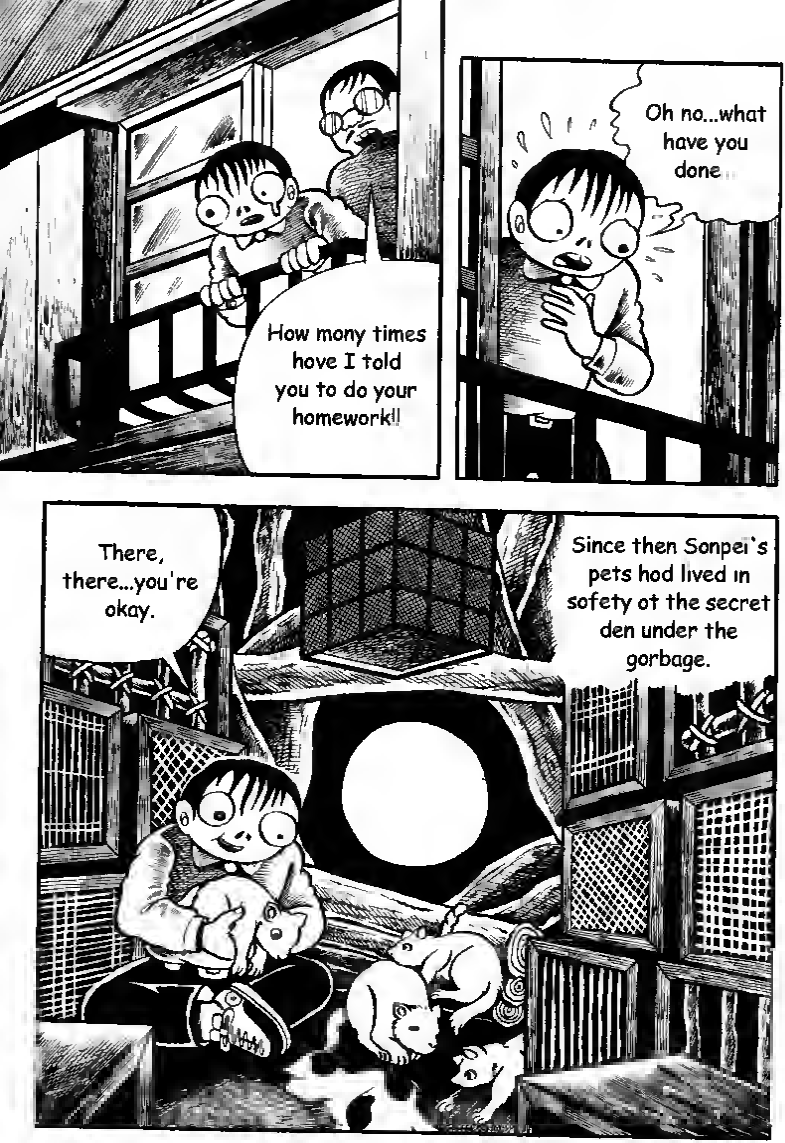
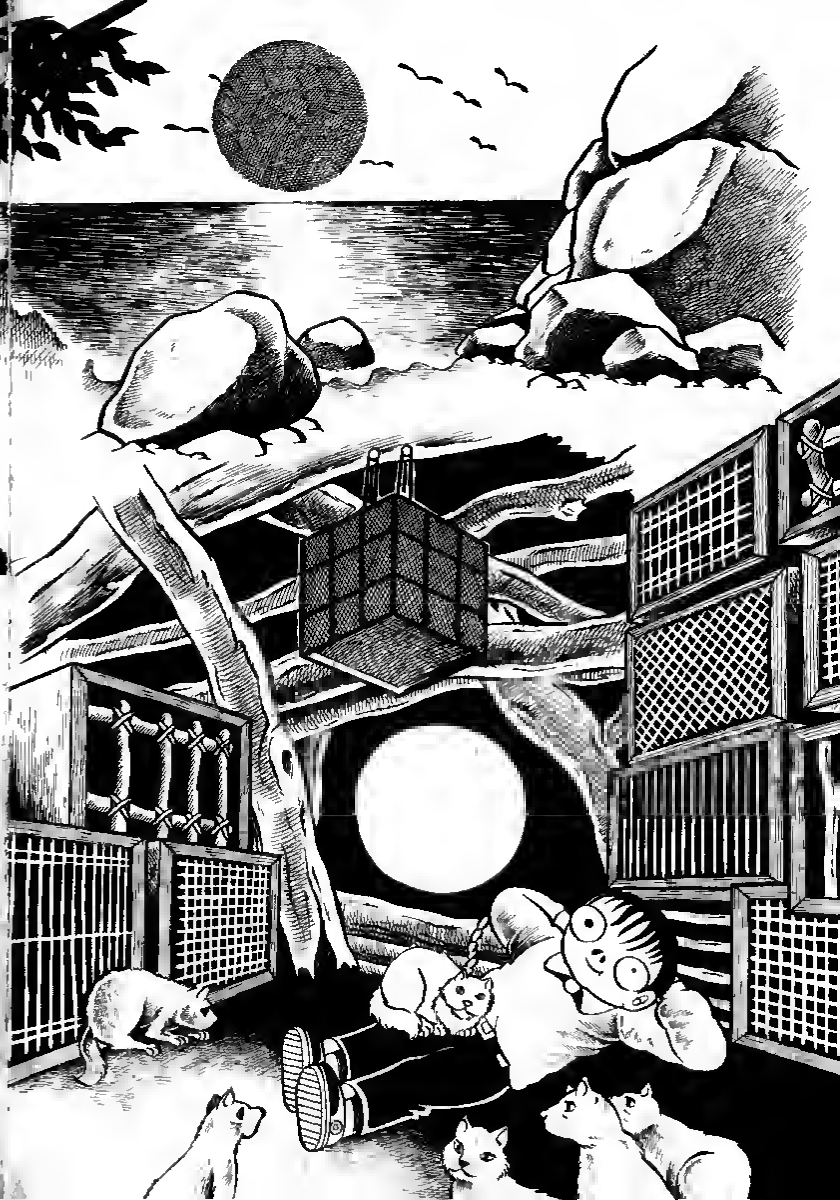
You idiot!! You think it's okay to filthy up your room like this?!!


This is where these disgusting creatures belong!!
Donk!!


How many times have I told you to do your homework!!
Oh no...what have you done...
There, there...you're okay.
Since then Sonpei's pets had lived in safety at the secret den under the garbage.

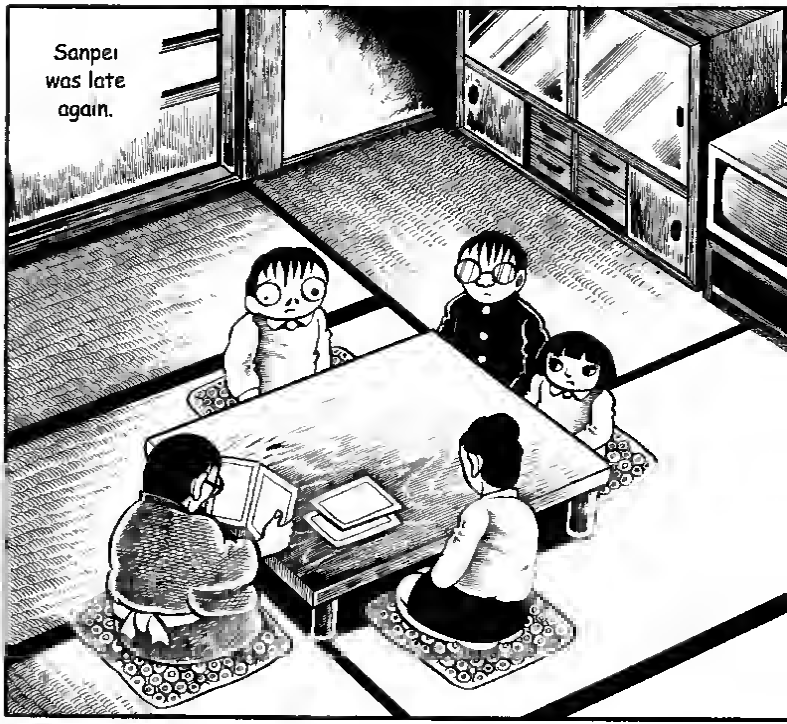
Sonpei was at his most happy when he was in his den.
To him, it was heaven.
When he played with his pets he
imagined himself a bird soaring high in the sky,
or a fish swimming deep in the ocean.
It was at these times that
he could escape from the torment in his life
and disappear into a world of dreams.



Oh, if I were only a fish or a bird I'd be so happy living out in the wild.
Oh no!! I forgot the time! I've gotta get home!
There'd be no school, and no one to pick on me.
But I don't care. From tomorrow it's one long holiday.
Mom and dad are gonna be mad at me again for getting straight Fs at school.

Chirip chirip...
It's gonna be heaven.
I can come here everyday.
Chirip... chirip...
Goodbye everybody. See you tomorrow.
Yap yap...yap-yap...
Meeeow meeeow...

The Big Red Bug



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Whaaaat?!! Not all Fs again!!
What d'ya think you're going to do in the future?!!
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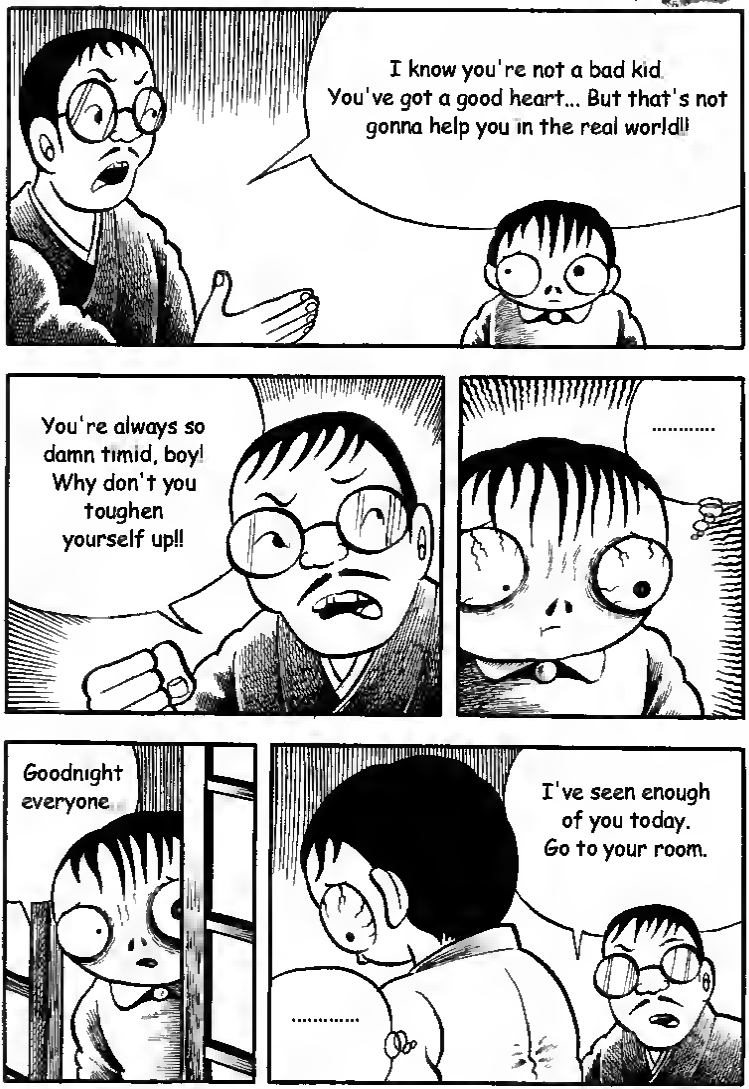
You worthless child!!
Why can't you be a bit more like Shuichi and Hanako?!!
If you continue like this you're gonna end up a dropout!!


I know you're not a bad kid. You've got a good heart... But that's not gonna help you in the real world!!
You're always so damn timid, boy! Why don't you toughen yourself up!!
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Goodnight everyone.
I've seen enough of you today. Go to your room.
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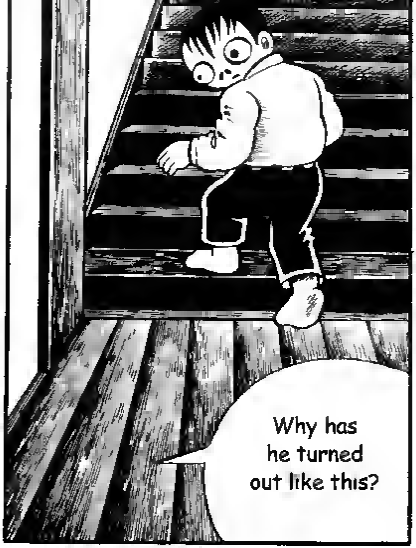
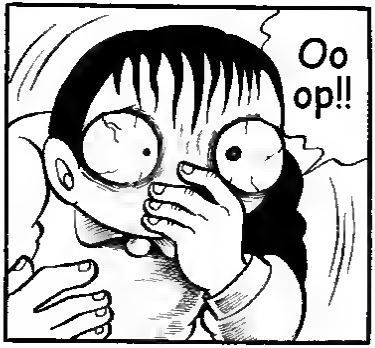
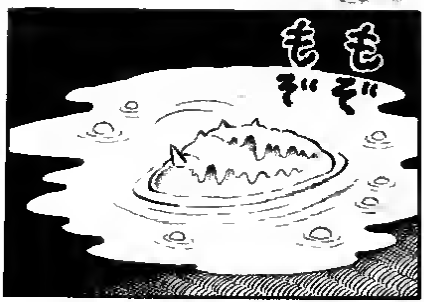
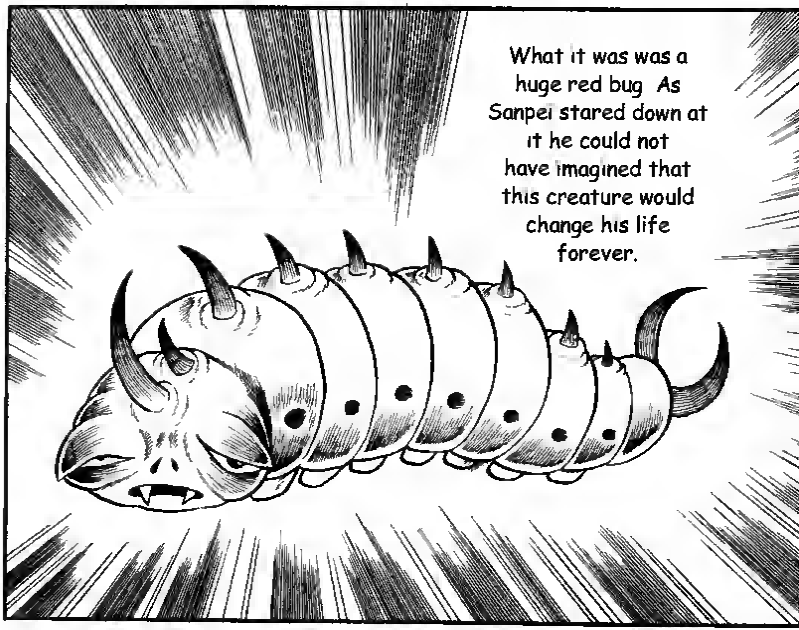


When Sanpei reached his room he suddenly fell to the floor and was violently sick





And worse was to come. There appeared to be something wriggling about in the pool of vomit. Something alive


What it was was a huge red bug. As Sanpei stared down at it he could not have imagined that this creature would change his life forever.

Errrrrr...
It's bright red.
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It must be some sort of parasite.
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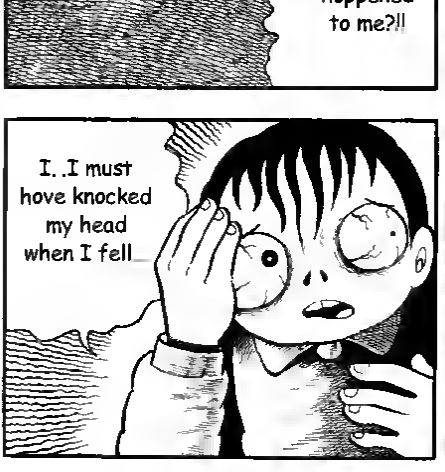
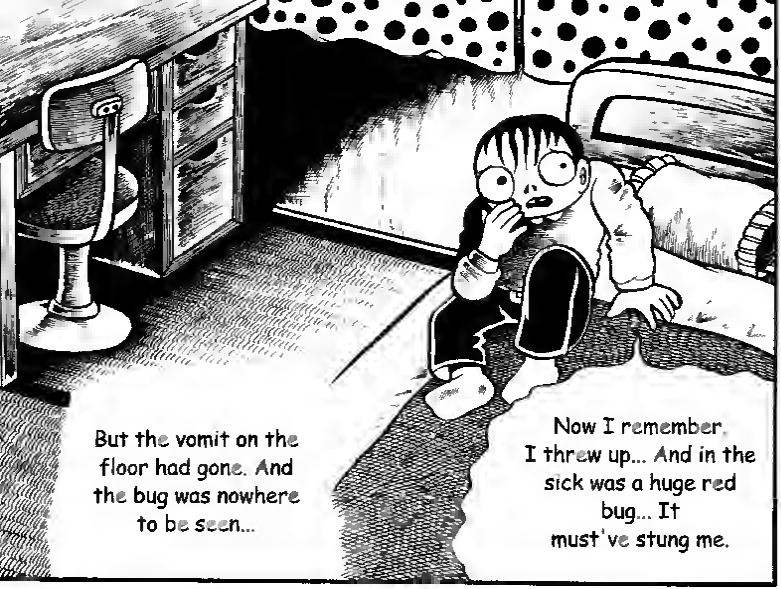
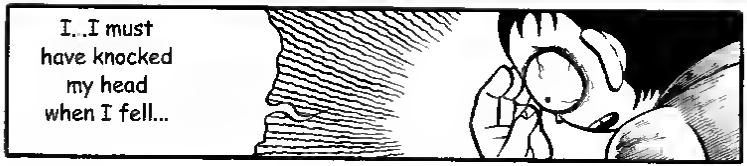
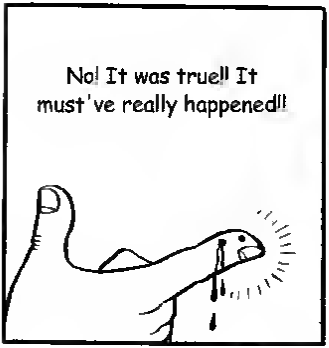
Yaaao uch!!

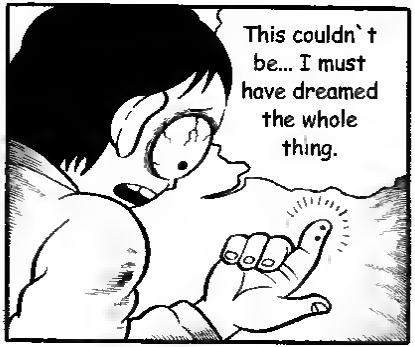


The moment the creature stung Sanpei its poison poured into his veins ond quickly spreod through his whole body. He collopsed onto the floor, unconscious.

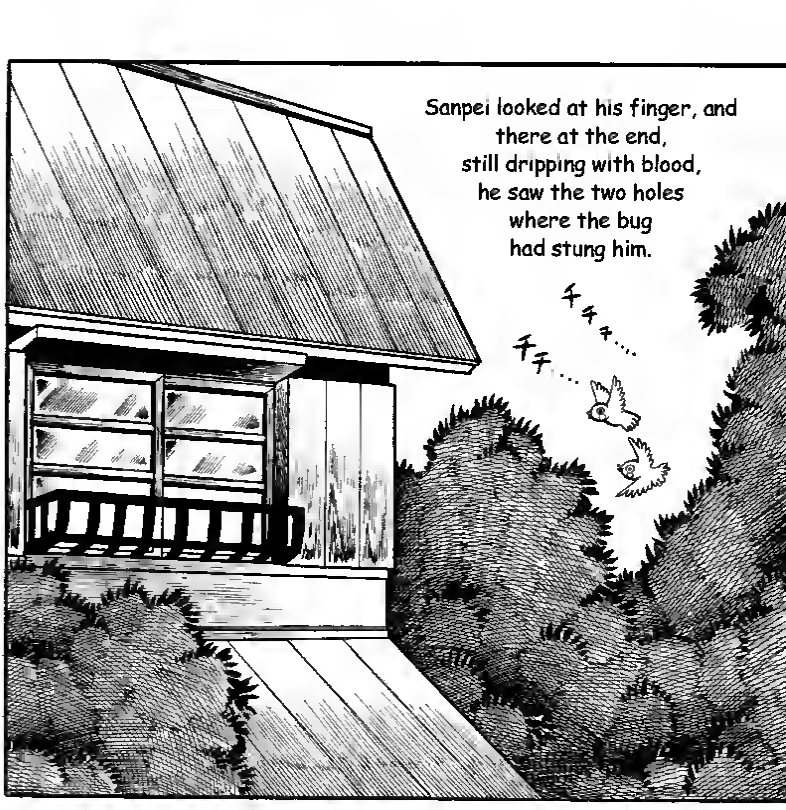

But the vomit on the floor had gone. And the bug was nowhere to be seen...
Now I remember. I threw up... And in the sick was a huge red bug... It must've stung me.


I...I must have knocked my head when I fell...


No! It was true!! It must've really happened!!


This couldn`t be... I must have dreamed the whole thing.

The Strange Sickness


Sanpei looked at his finger, and there at the end, still dripping with blood, he saw the two holes where the bug had stung him.
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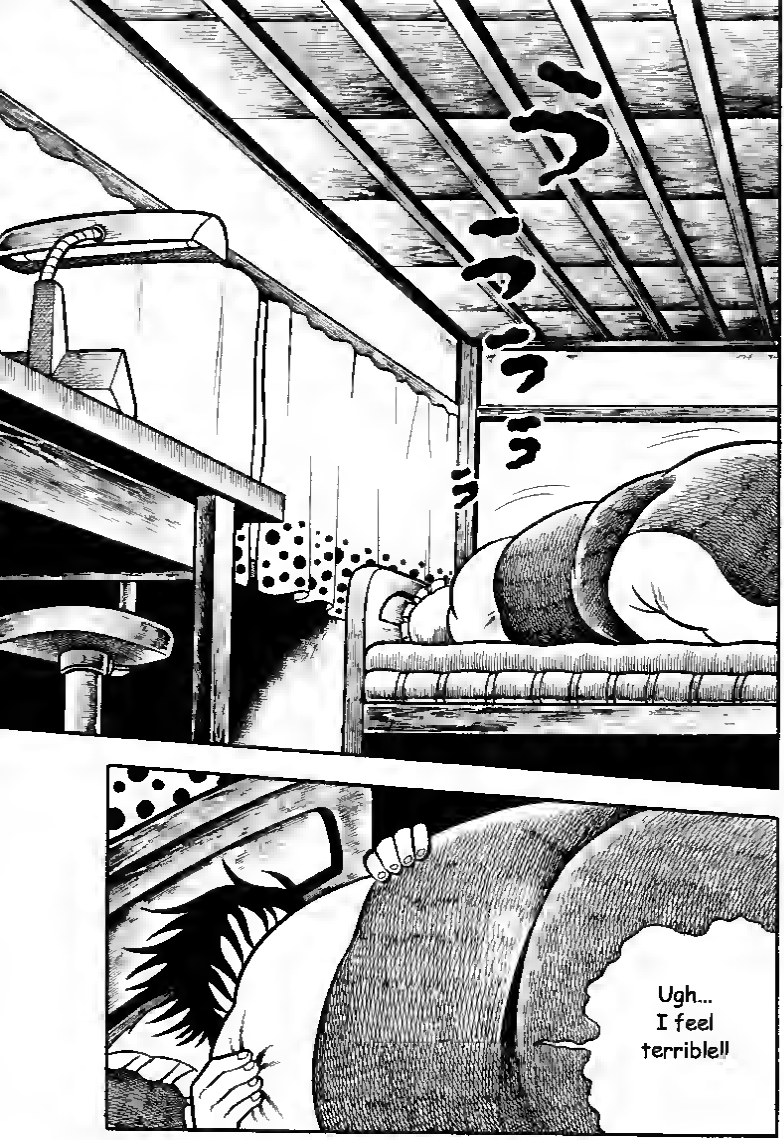
Ugh...
I feel
terrible!!

Uggg
hhh...!!

...I've never seen anything like this before.
Well I've done the best I can. To tell you the truth...
I really won't know anything more until I've done a blood test...
But he says he was stung by some red poisonous bug...
I'll be in touch.
I understand doctor. Thank you for coming

But nobody really knew what was wrong with Sanpei, and he grew sicker and sicker.
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His fingers dropped off one by one.
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The hand he'd been stung on became soft and sticky, and soon began to rot away.
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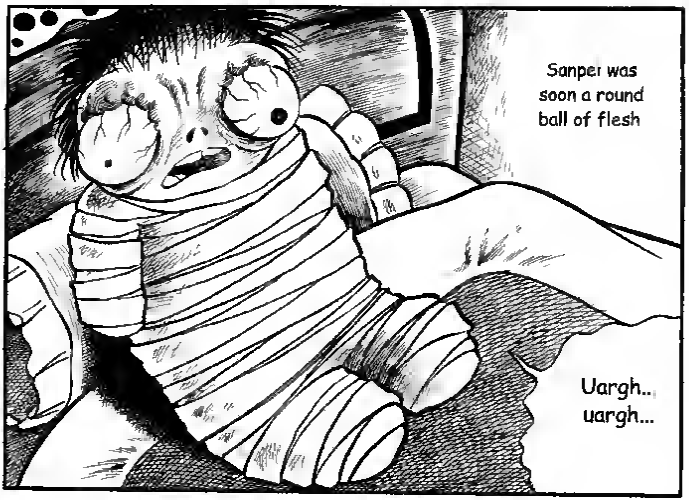
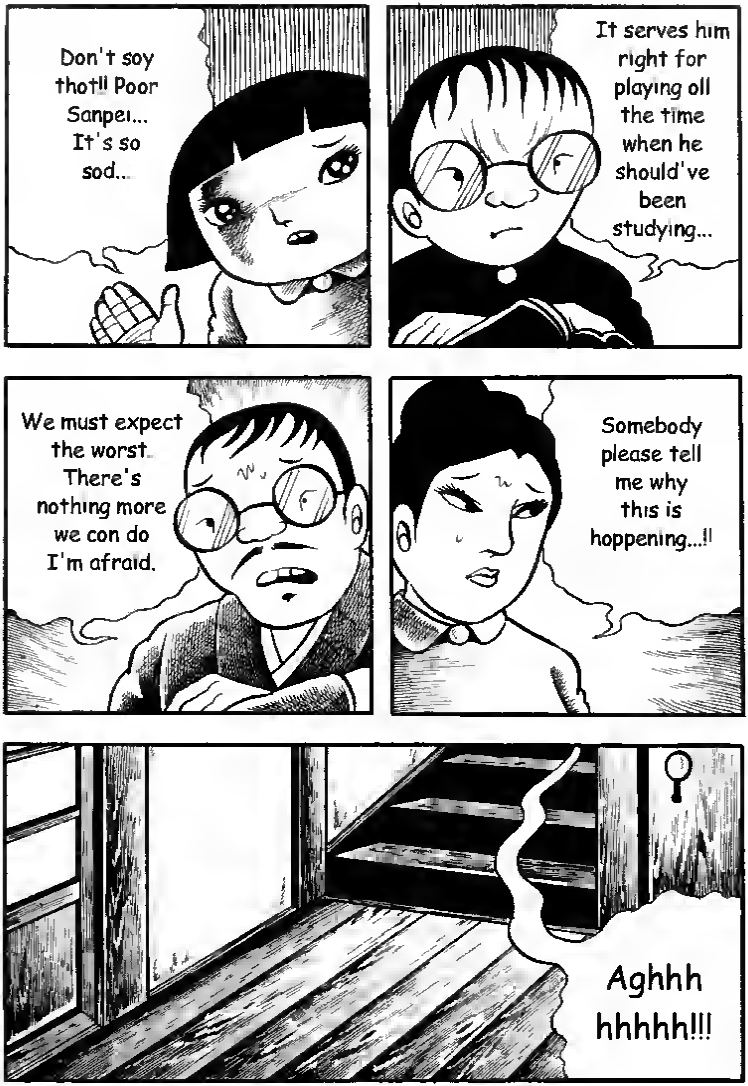
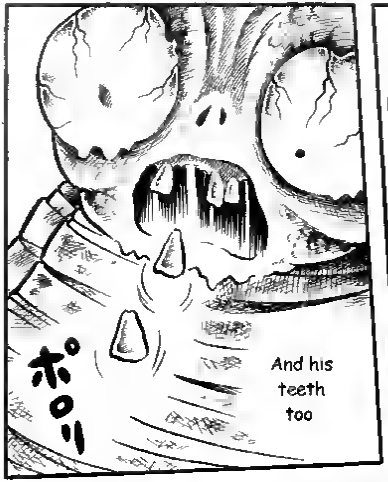
His legs followed, dropping from his body like melted candles

The disease spread up his arms and eventually they both snapped off in a gooey mess.


Sanpei was soon a round ball of flesh
Uargh.. uargh...

I..
I understand...
Thonk you for trying
There's nothing more I con do...I'm sorry..
I don't think he has long to live
Will the pain never stop?!!
Oh NOoooooooo!! Somebody do something!!


Don't soy thot!! Poor Sanpei... It's so sad...
It serves him right for playing all the time when he should've been studying...
We must expect the worst. There's nothing more we can do I'm afraid.
Somebody please tell me why this is happening...!!
Aghhh hhhhh!!!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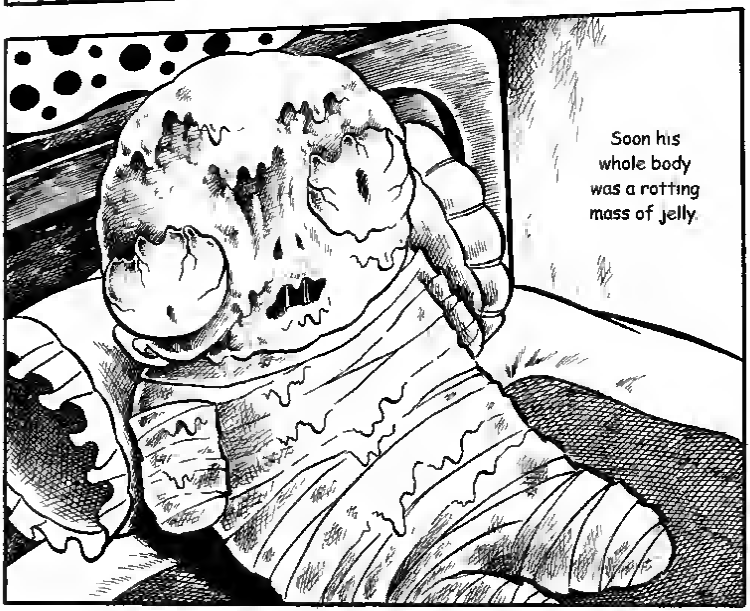
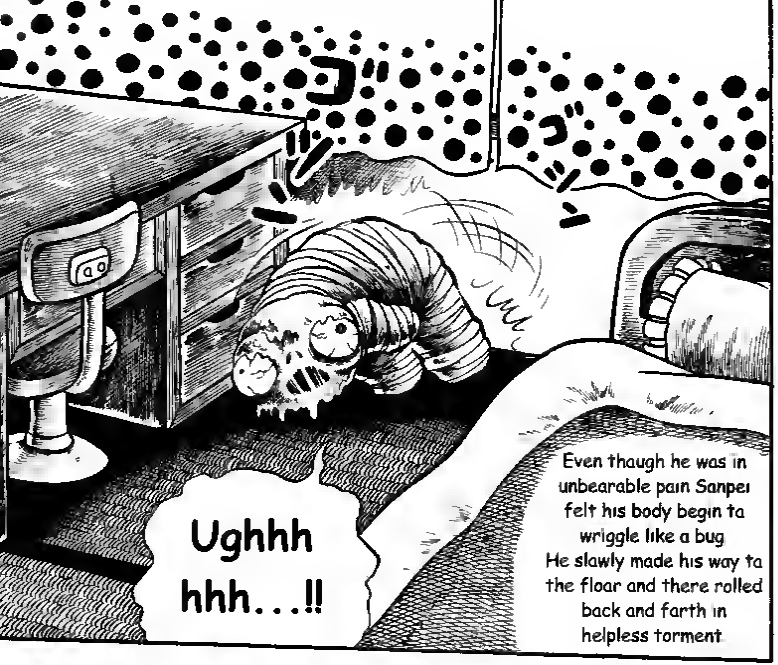
And his teeth too

It was not long before Sanpei's hair began to fall out


Soon his whole body was a rotting mass of jelly.


Ughhh hhh...!!
Even though he was in unbearable pain Sanpei felt his body begin to wriggle like a bug
He slowly made his way to the floor and there rolled back and forth in helpless torment

yaaa aaah!!
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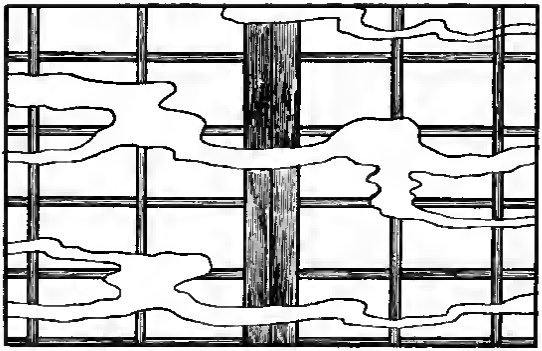
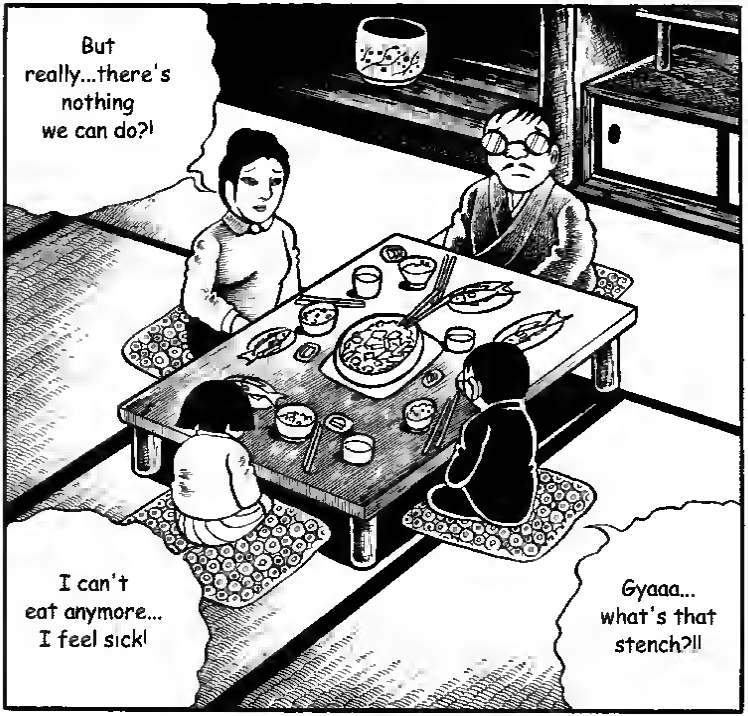
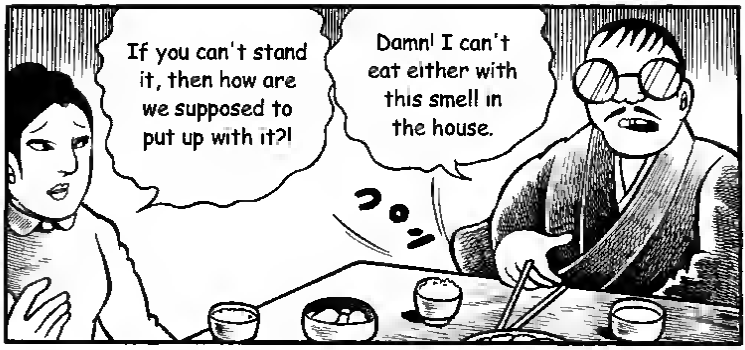


Soon a vile odor began wafting through the family house




If you can't stand it, then how are we supposed to put up with it?!
Damn! I can't eat either with this smell in the house.
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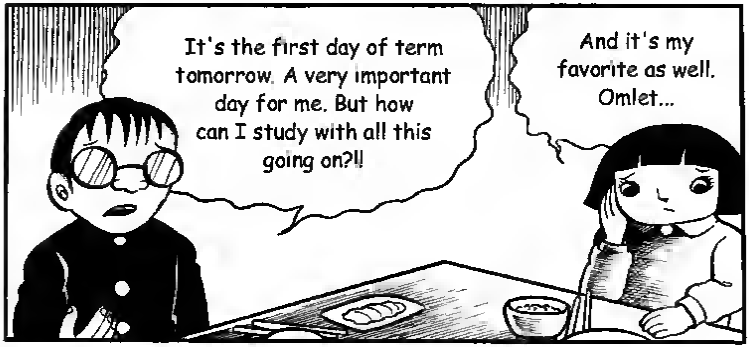
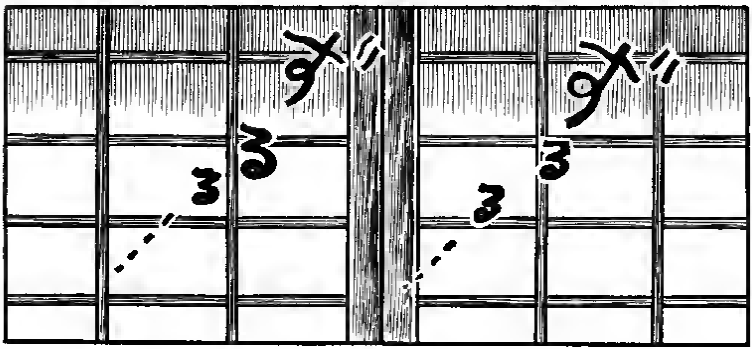

It's the first day of term tomorrow. A very important day for me. But how can I study with all this going on?!!
And it's my favorite as well. Omlet...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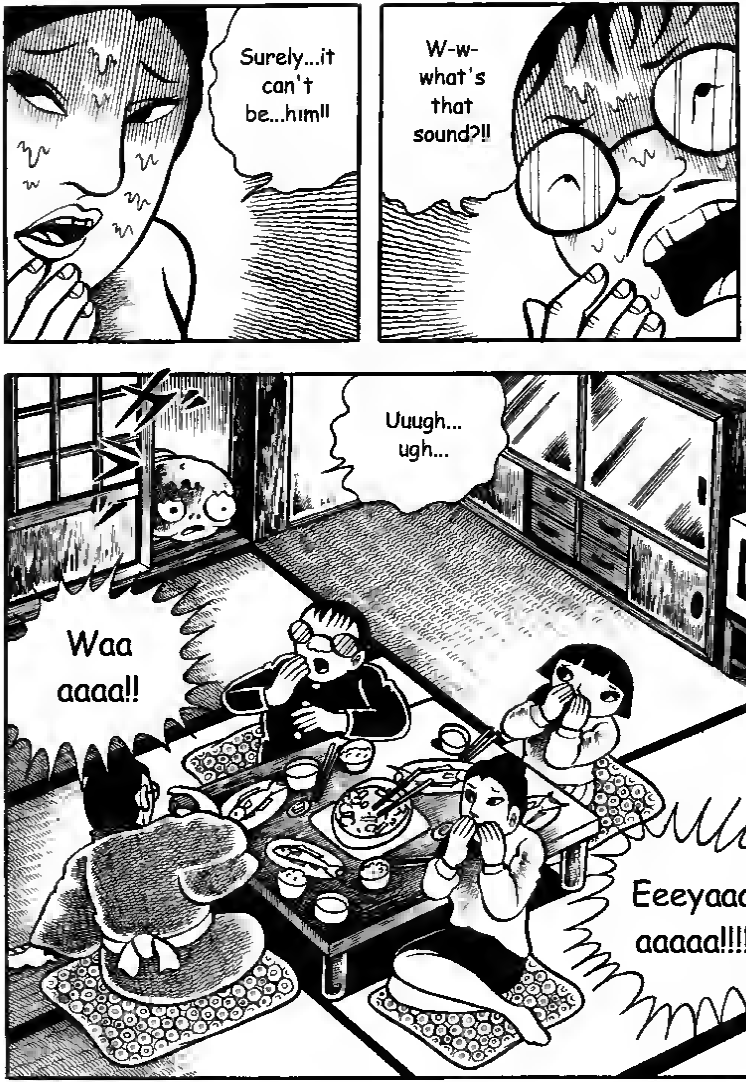
Surely...it can't be...him!!
W-w-what's that sound?!!
Uuugh... ugh...
Waa aaaa!!
Eeeyaaa aaaaa!!!!

Uh...uh ..uh..
I feel so bod
so much poin...
Uhhhh...
Whot're yo doing,
you hideous creoture?!!
How dore you wriggle
obout the house
looking like thot!!
Look ot the mess you're
making on the floor!!

It wasn't long before Sanpei could no longer even take liquid food
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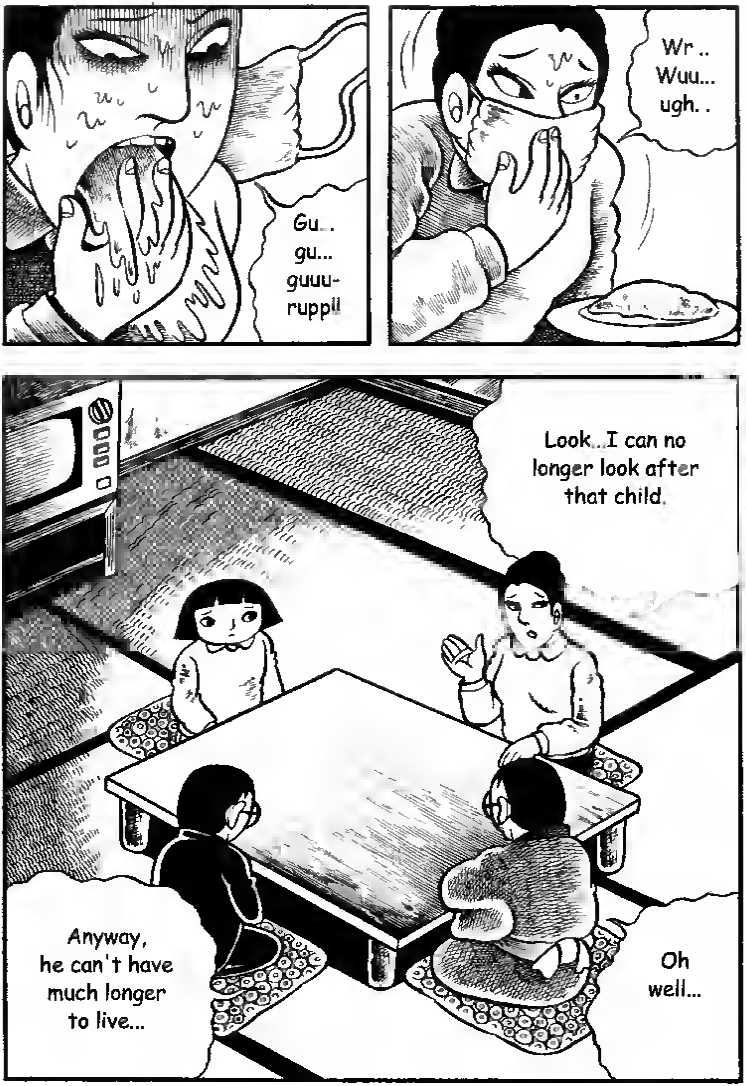
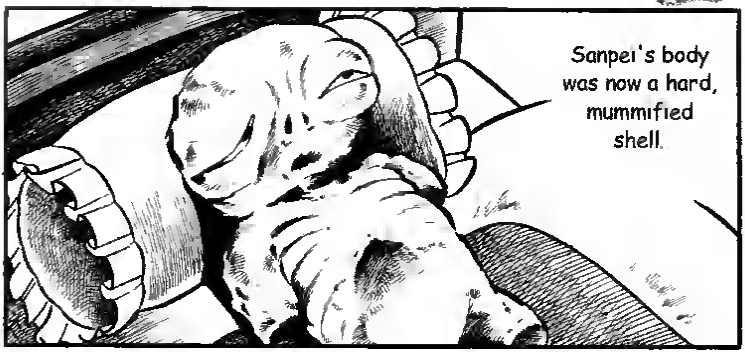
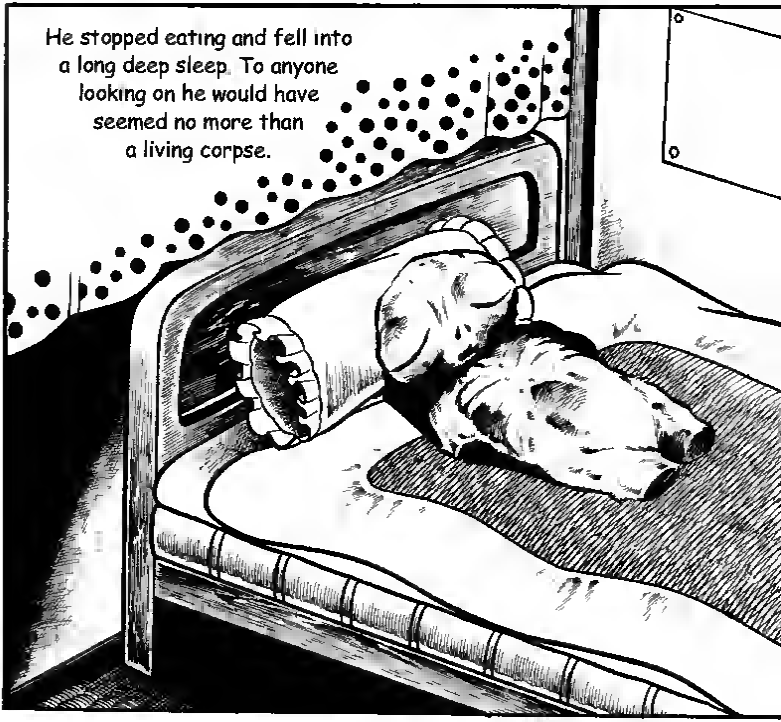
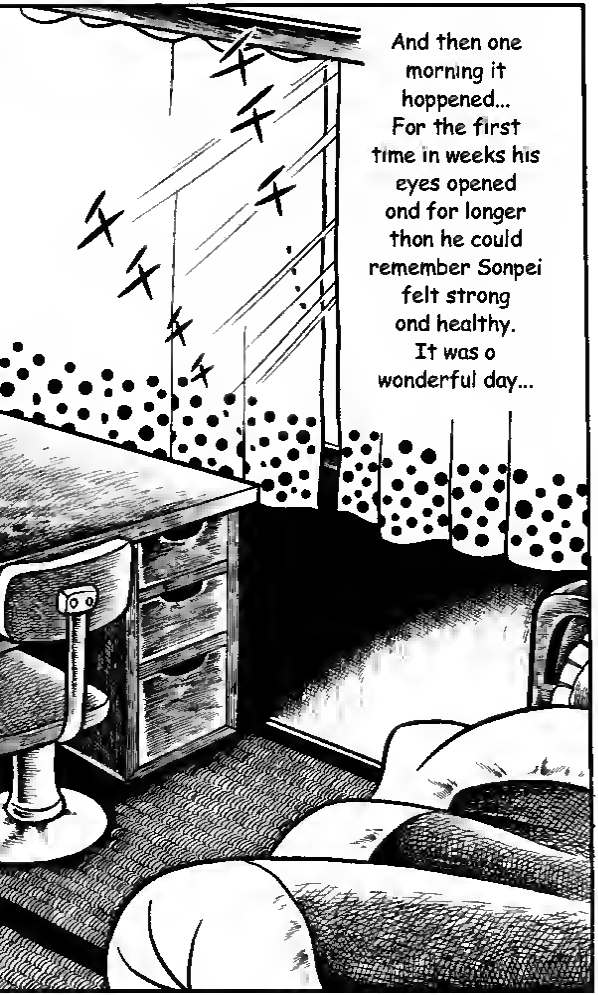
Ooop...


Gu.. gu... guuu-ruppi
Wr .. Wuu... ugh..
Look..I can no longer look after that child.
Anyway, he can't have much longer to live...
Oh well...


Sanpei's body was now a hard, mummified shell.


He stopped eating and fell into a long deep sleep. To anyone looking on he would have seemed no more than a living corpse.

Transformation


And then one morning it hoppened... For the first time in weeks his eyes opened ond for longer thon he could remember Sonpei felt strong ond healthy. It was o wonderful day...

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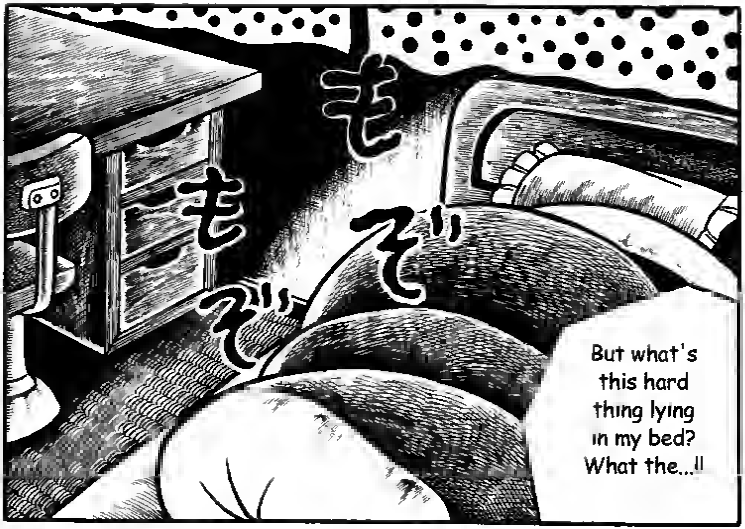
That's it!
I know why
I feel great today!
I've finally
recovered!
It's like I've never
felt so good?
How long've
I been lying
here in agony...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But what's
this hard
thing lying
in my bed?
What the...!!

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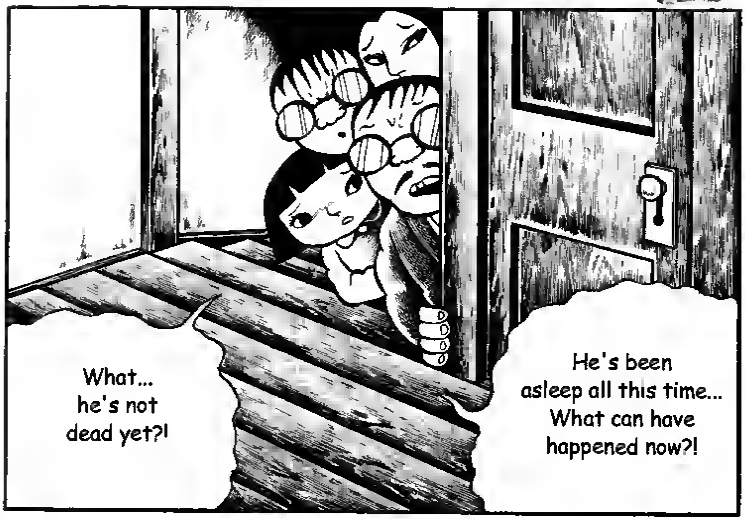
Aghhhhhh!
I-I-I'm
DEAD!!!!
And why
con I feel
myself moving?!
Who is this?!!
But why
is my bady
split all down
the middle
like that?!!


What... he's not dead yet?!
He's been asleep all this time... What can have happened now?!

What's the matter, bay?!!

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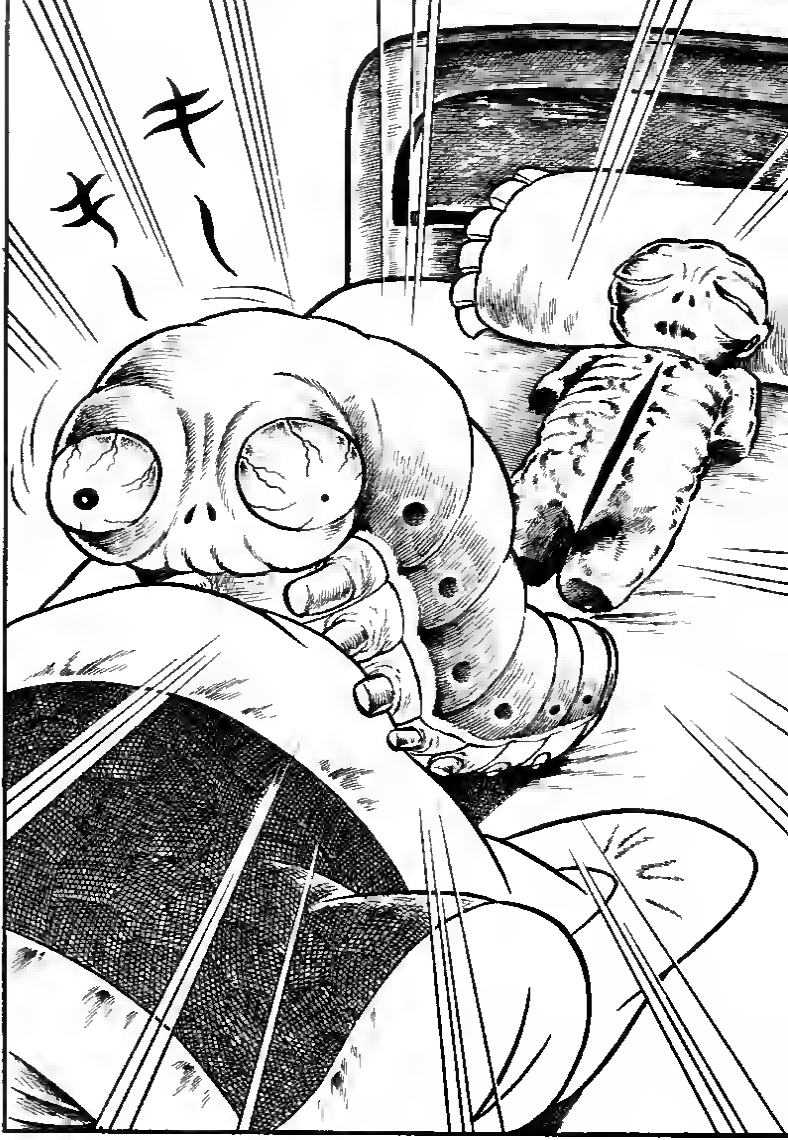
Sanpei! Hey, Sanpei!

Uuuuooo yaaa aaa!!!!
What?!! What's happening?!!
It's like...it's.. a..MONSTER!! A huge MONSTER BUG!!
Uh- uh- uh- uh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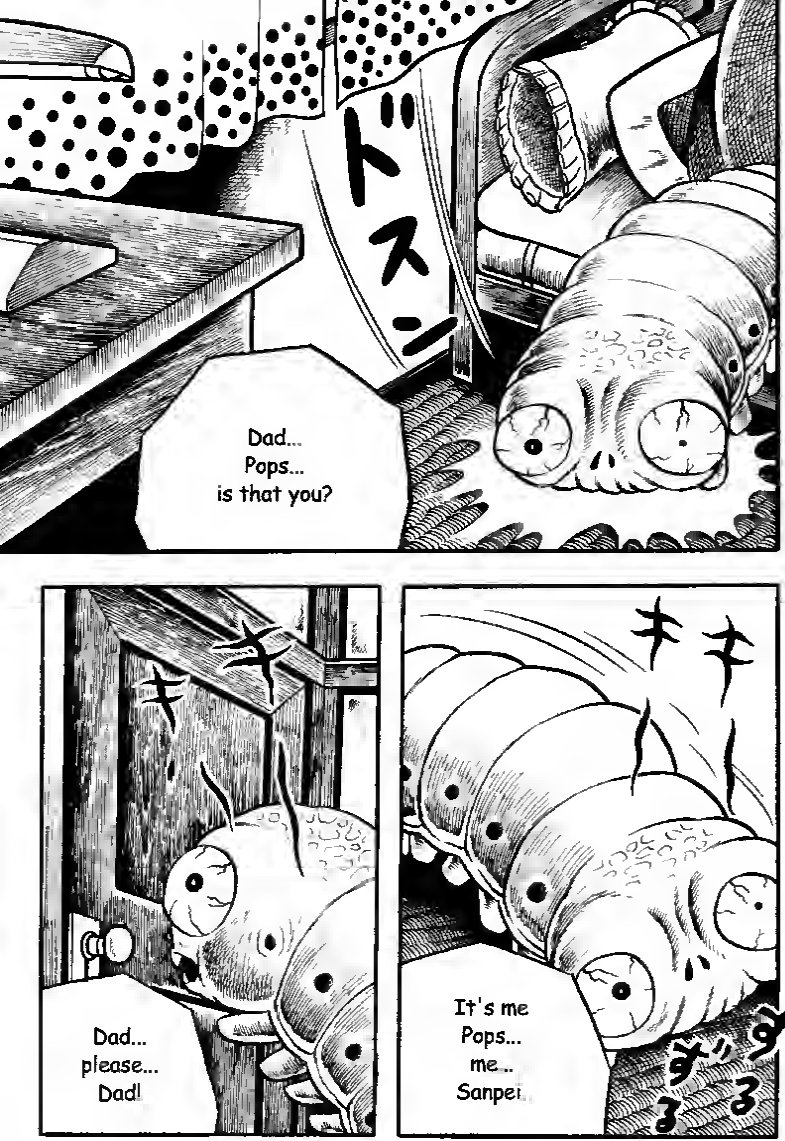
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Dad...
Pops...
is that you?
Dad...
please...
Dad!
It's me
Pops...
me...
Sanpei
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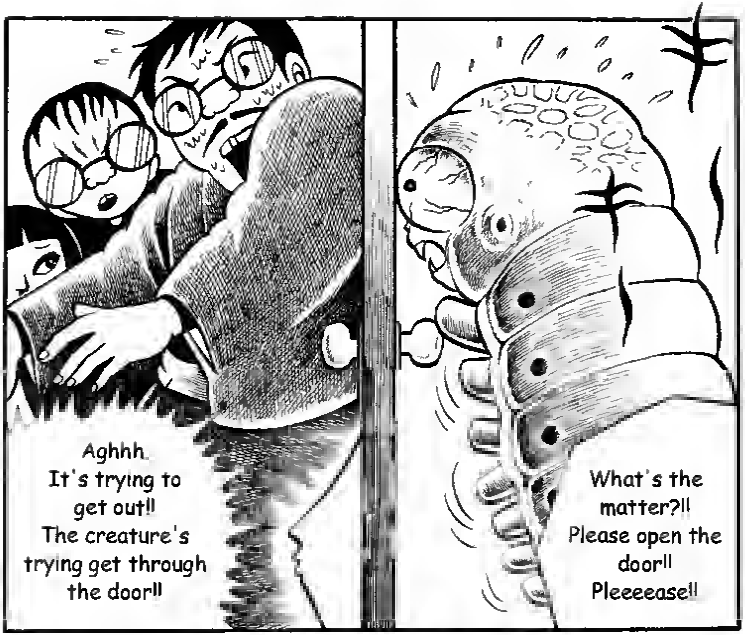
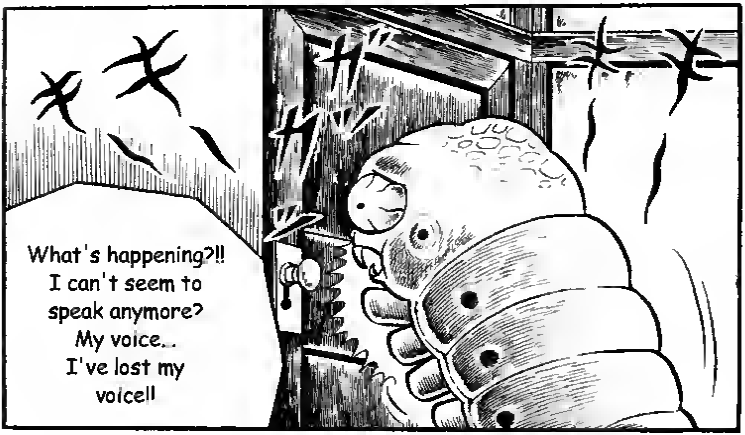
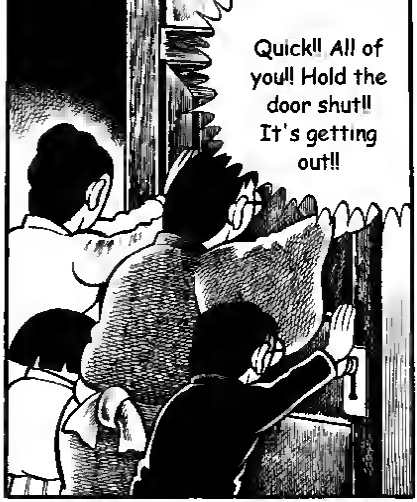
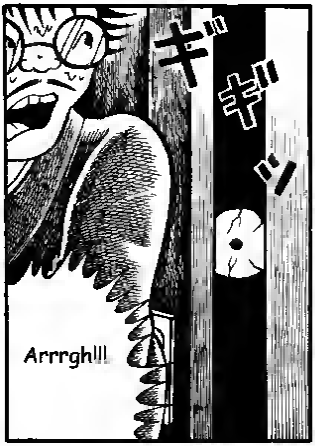

Aghhh.
It's trying to get out!!
The creature's trying get through the door!!
What's the matter?!!
Please open the door!!
Pleeeease!!


What's happening?!!
I can't seem to speak anymore?
My voice...
I've lost my voice!!


Quick!! All of you!! Hold the door shut!! It's getting out!!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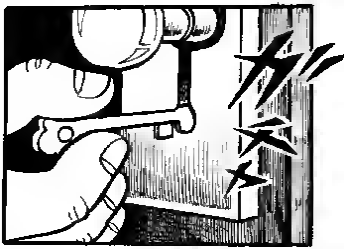
Arrrgh!!!

Phew! Thot wos lucky!!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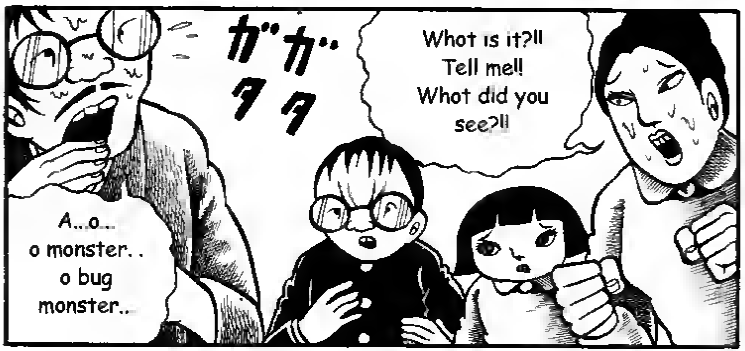
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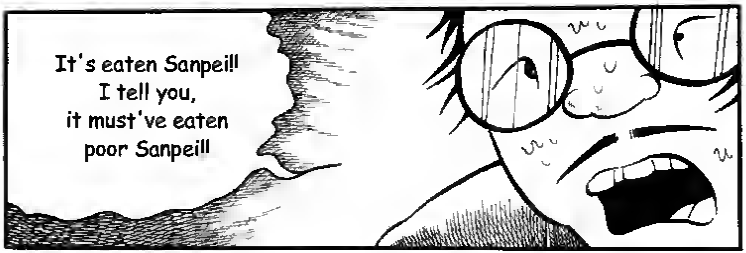
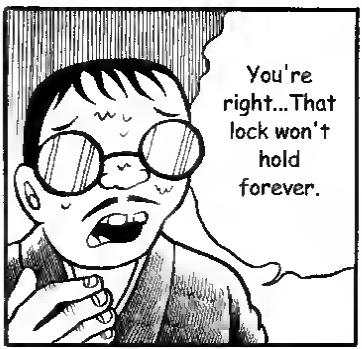
Whot is it?!! Tell me!! Whot did you see?!!
A...o... o monster.. o bug monster..

It was hideous... absolutely hideous!!


It's eaten Sanpei!! I tell you, it must've eaten poor Sanpei!!


You're right...That lock won't hold forever.

Quick! Call the police, or it'll kill us all!!

The palice'll knaw what ta do
Wauldn't it be better to get the army instead?
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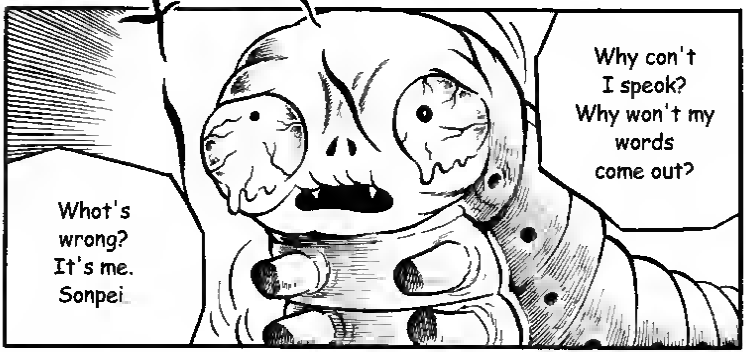
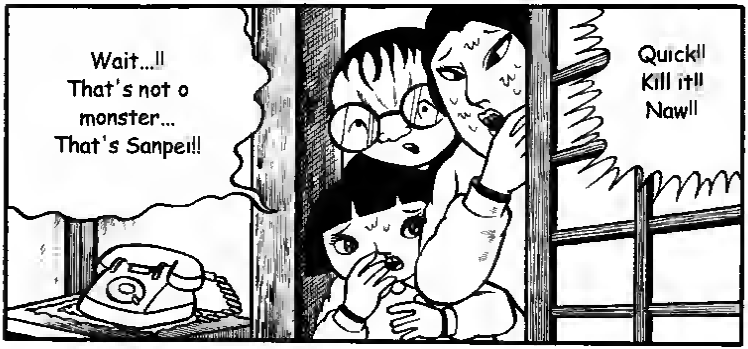
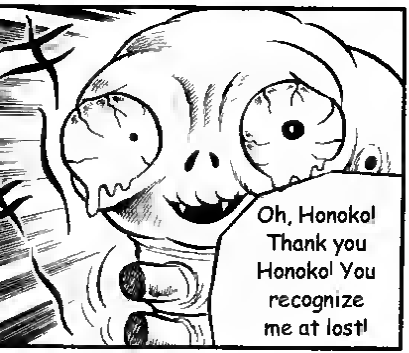
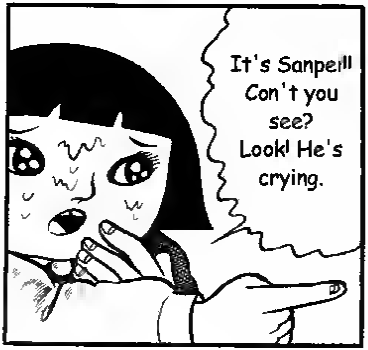
Na, na... the palice'll be able ta handle it.
Aaaaa gheeeee!!

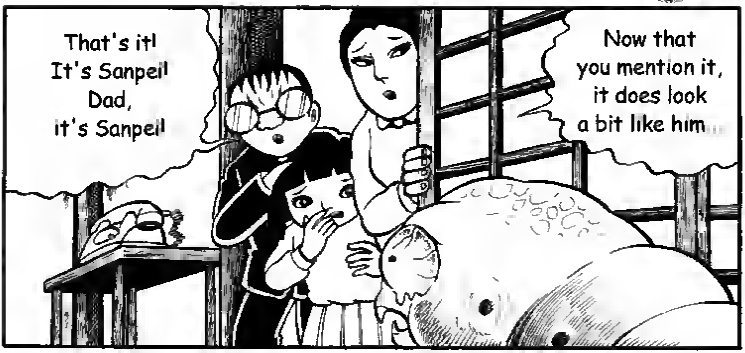
Th-th-
that's it!!
That's the
creature!!
Kyaaaaaaaaah!!
Mam, Dad...Shuichi,
Hanaka... It's
me...it's Sanpei!!

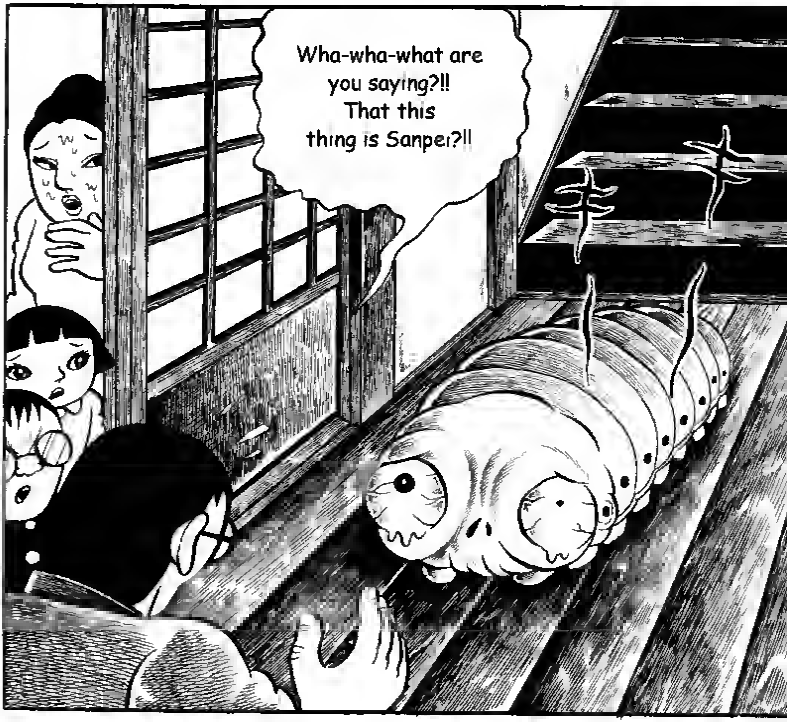

Why can't I speak? Why won't my words come out?
Whot's wrong? It's me. Sonpei

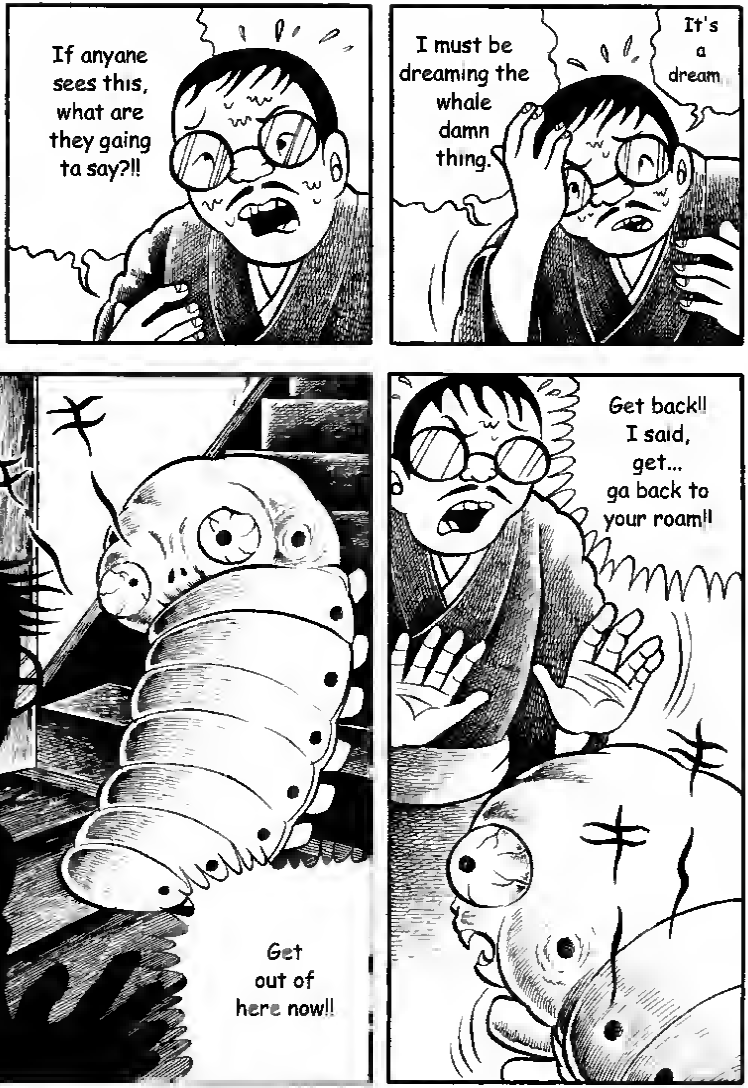

Wait...!! That's not a monster... That's Sanpei!!
Quick!! Kill it!! Naw!!

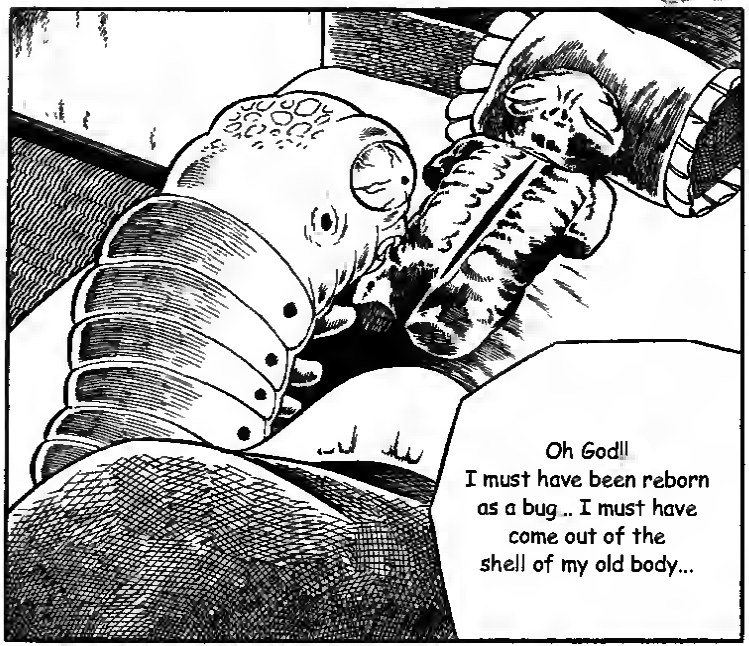

Oh, Honoko! Thank you Honoko! You recognize me at last!

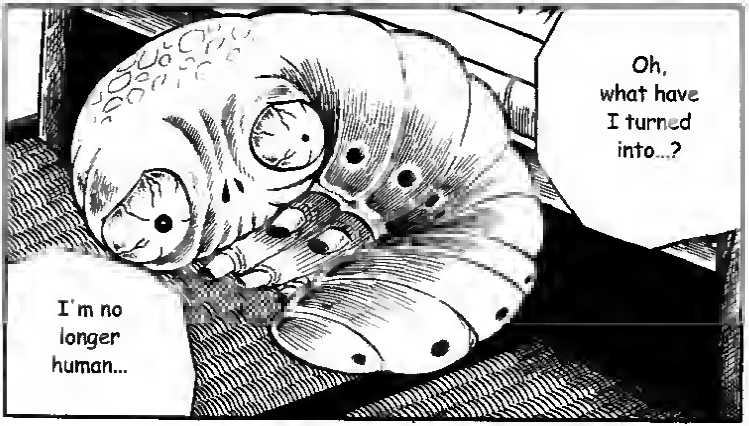

It's Sanpei!! Can't you see? Look! He's crying.

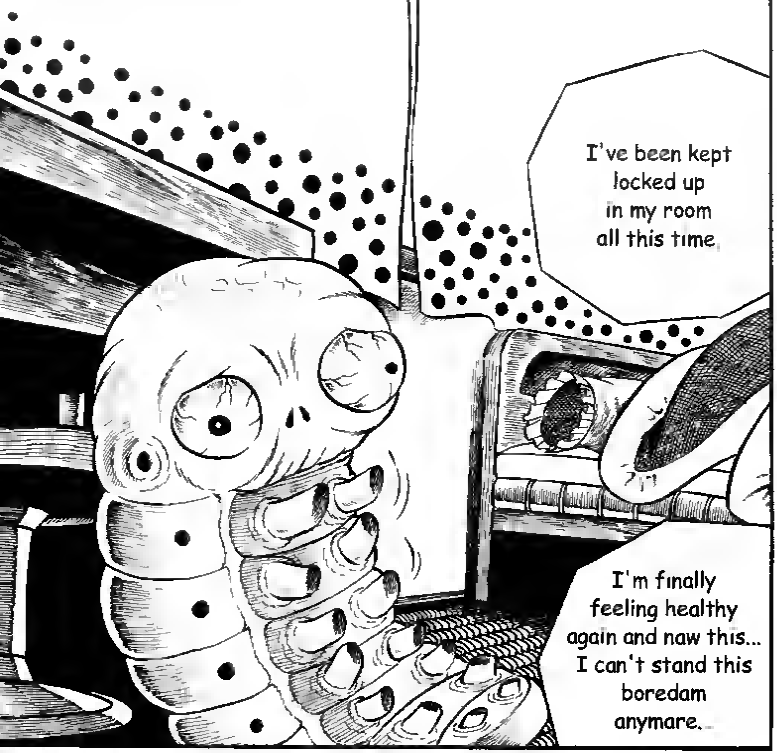

That's it! It's Sanpei! Dad, it's Sanpei!
Now that you mention it, it does look a bit like him...

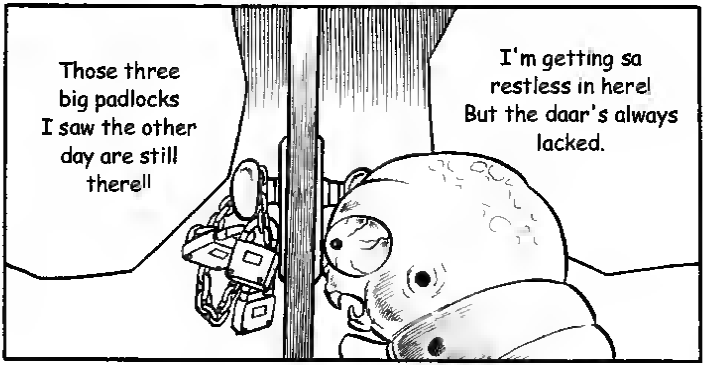

Wha-wha-what are you saying?!! That this thing is Sanpei?!!

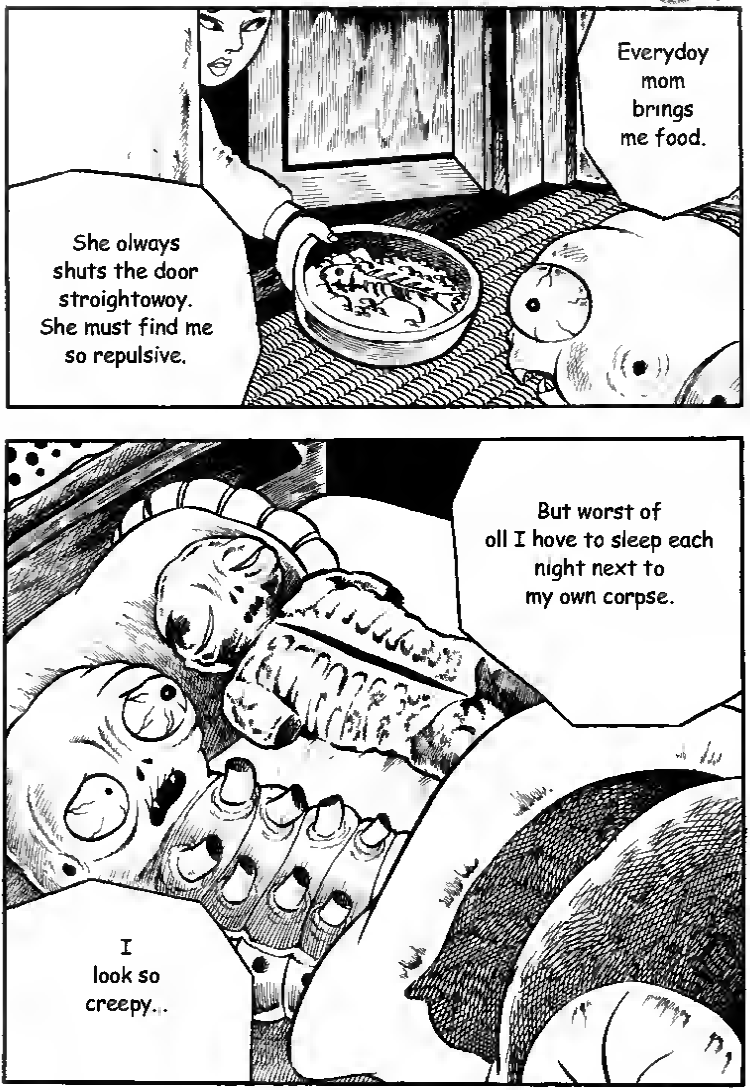

If anyone sees this, what are they going ta say?!!
I must be dreaming the whale damn thing.
It's a dream
Get out of here now!!
Get back!! I said, get... go back to your room!!

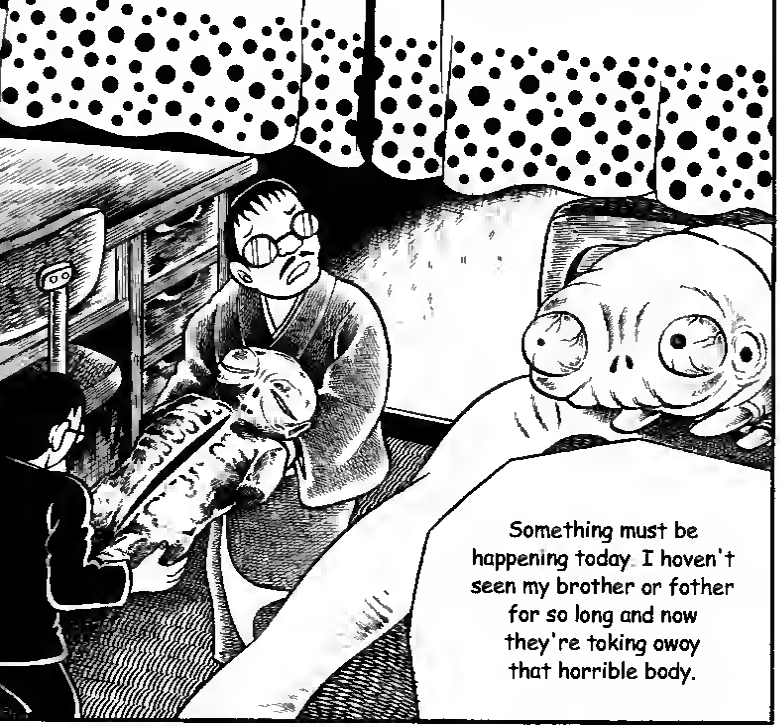

Oh God!!
I must have been reborn as a bug.. I must have come out of the shell of my old body...

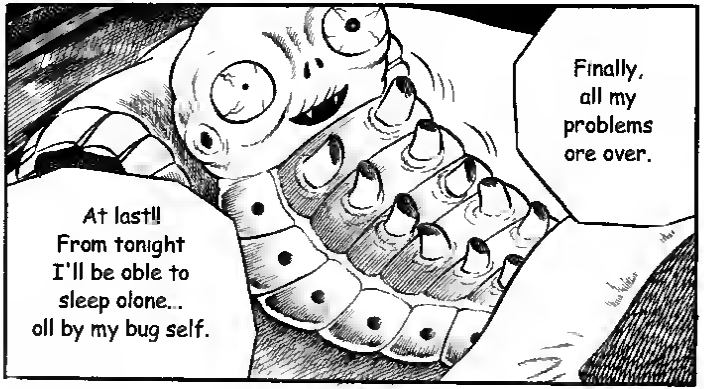

Oh, what have I turned into...?
I'm no longer human...

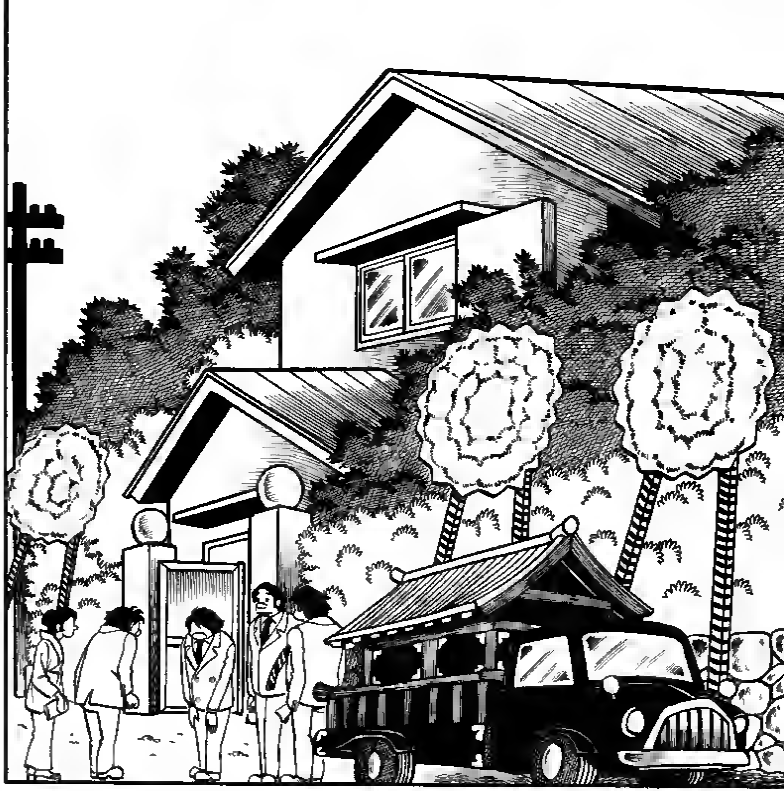

I've been kept locked up in my room all this time.
I'm finally feeling healthy again and naw this... I can't stand this boredam anymare.

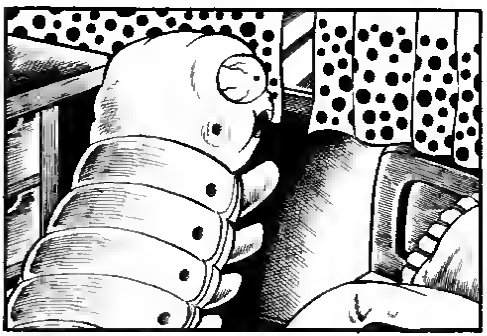

Those three big padlocks I saw the other day are still there!!
I'm getting sa restless in here! But the daar's always lacked.


Everydoy mom brings me food.
She olways shuts the door stroightowoy. She must find me so repulsive.
But worst of oll I hove to sleep each night next to my own corpse.
I look so creepy...

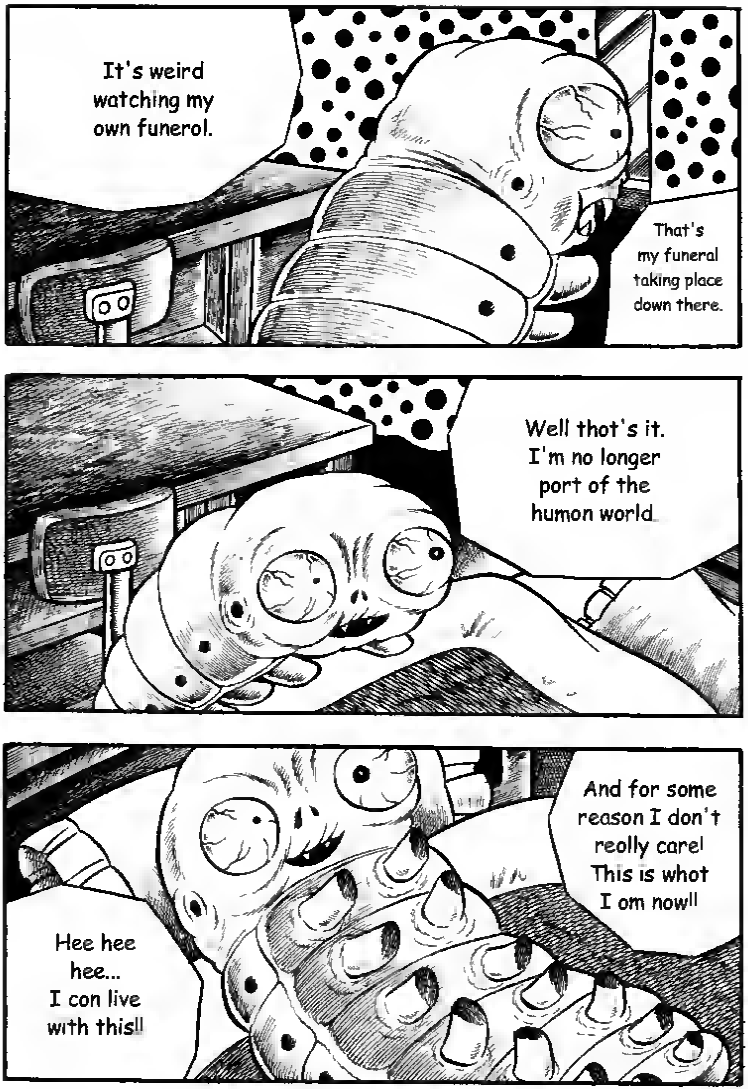

Something must be happening today. I haven't seen my brother or father for so long and now they're taking away that horrible body.


Finally, all my problems are over.
At last!! From tonight I'll be able to sleep alone... all by my bug self.

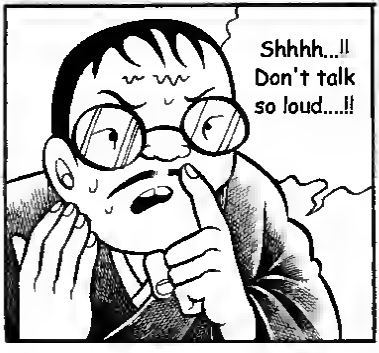




The next day a ceremony was held for the body's remains. Sanpei could just make out what was happening from his bedroom window.


It's weird watching my own funerol.
That's my funeral taking place down there.
Well thot's it. I'm no longer port of the humon world.
And for some reason I don't reolly care! This is whot I om now!!
Hee hee hee... I con live with this!!

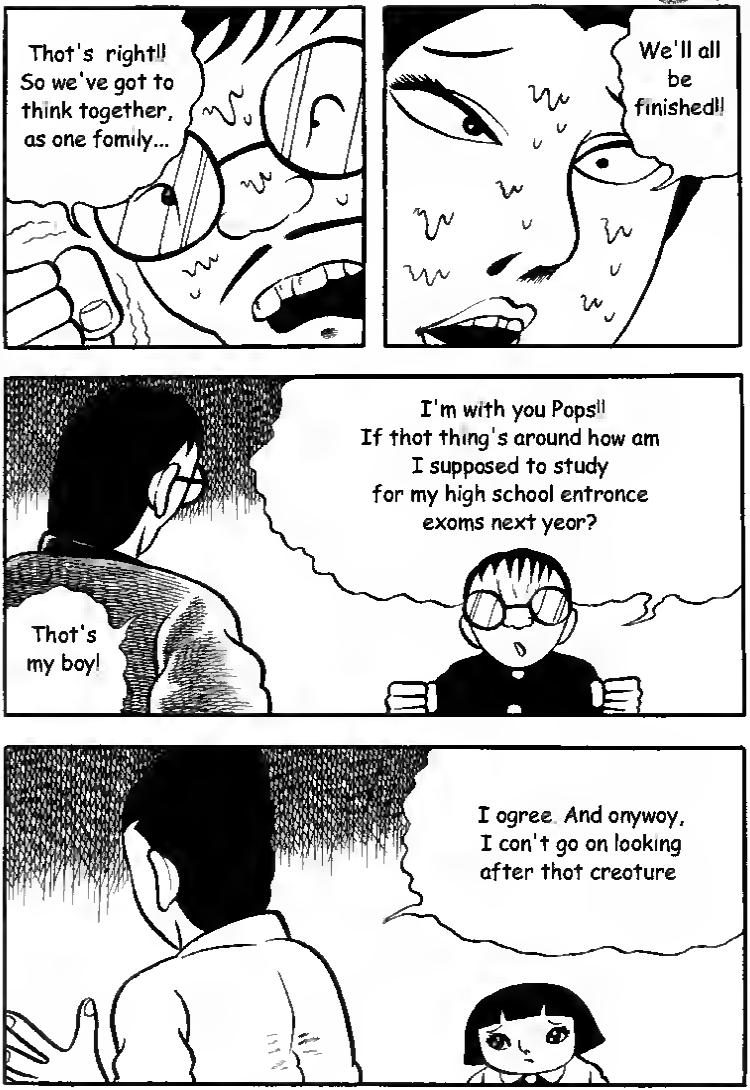
That evening Sanpei's family began to make plans...


Shhhh...!! Don't talk so loud....!!

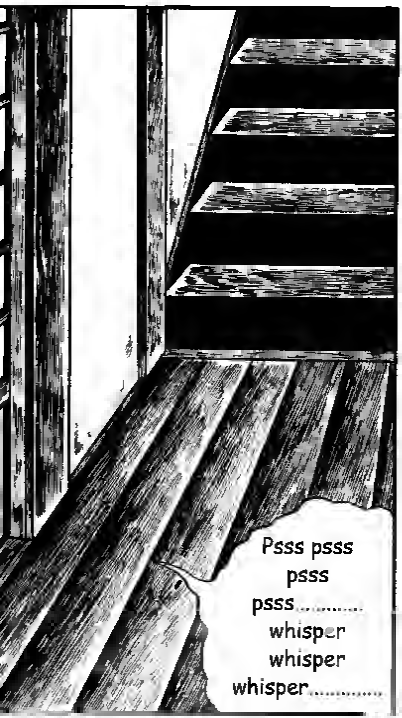
Murder Sonpei?!! How con you soy thot?!!

We've held a funeral far Sanpei... That... thot thing is o monster. That's not Sonpei.
I just wont you to think abaut it.

That's wonderful dear!!
And I've gotta surprise for you all. It looks like I'll be getting a promotion at work.
Waw Papa!!
I knew yau wauld Dad!!
What if he sees that thing upstairs?!!
And so what happens when my bass visits us far dinner...eh?!!


Thot's right!! So we've got to think together, as one family...
We'll all be finished!!
I'm with you Pops!! If thot thing's around how am I supposed to study for my high school entronce exoms next yeor?
Thot's my boy!
I ogree. And onywoy, I con't go on looking after thot creoture

Hanako...
If you were grown up now and wanted to bring your boyfriend home think what might happen. We are one family...


Psss psss
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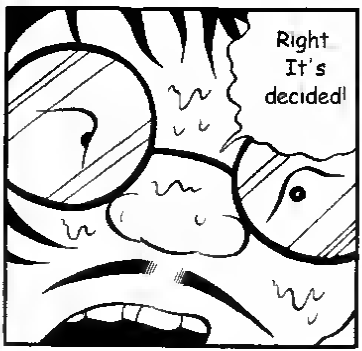
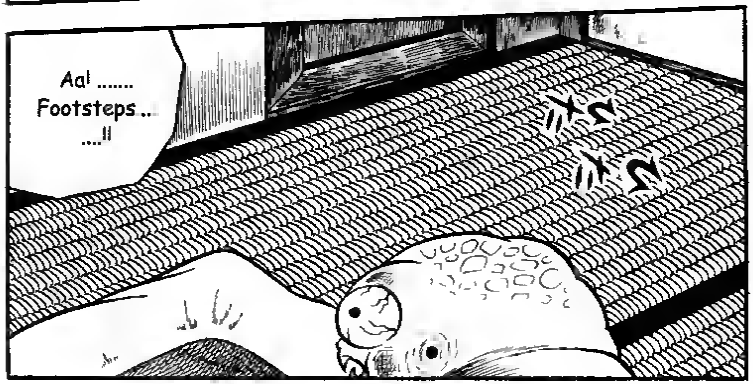
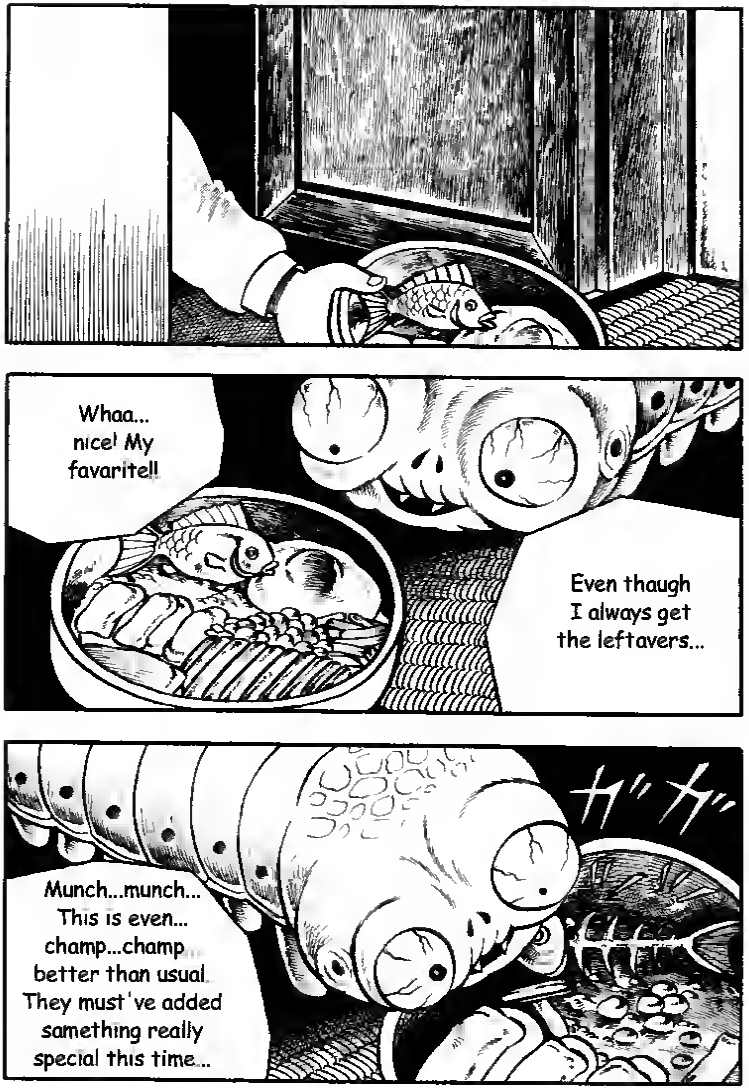
whisper
whisper
whisper.....

I guess ..
I guess you're right


Right
It's
decided!

Everything's so quiet now that the funerals over. What's everyone doing down there.....?


Aa! ..... Footsteps ... .!!


Whaa... nice! My favarite!!
Even thaugh I always get the leftavers...
Munch...munch... This is even... champ...champ better than usual. They must've added samething really special this time...
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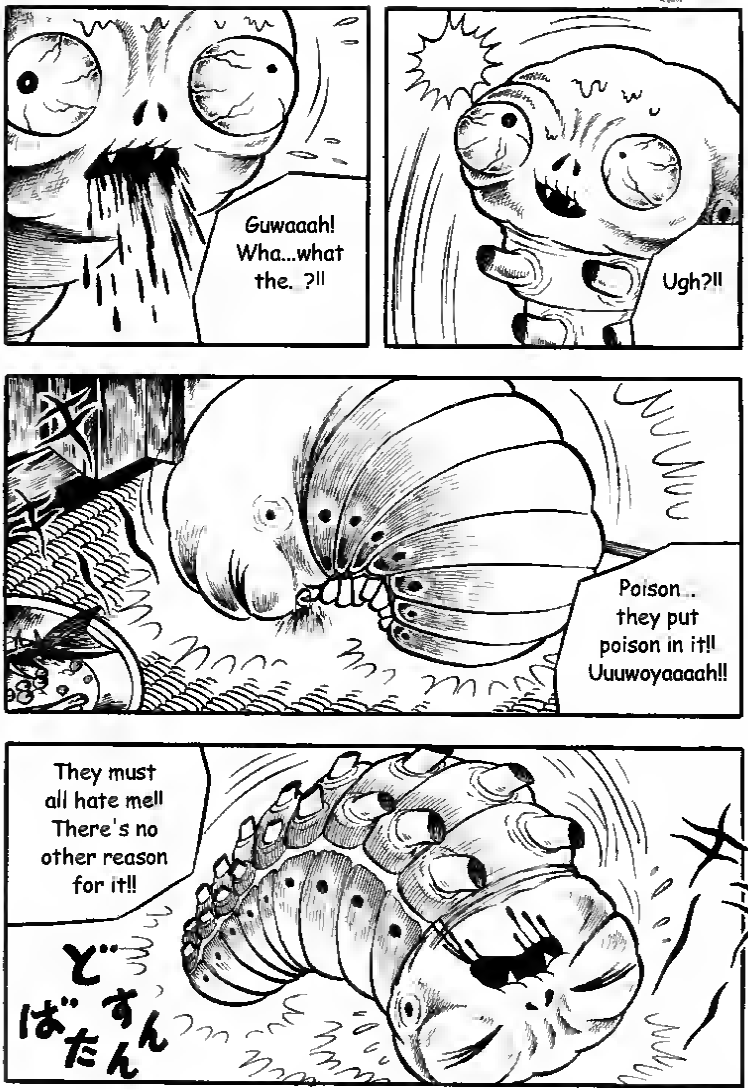
Guwaaah! Wha...what the. ?!!
Ugh?!!
Poison.. they put poison in it!! Uuuwoyaaaah!!
They must all hate me!! There's no other reason for it!!
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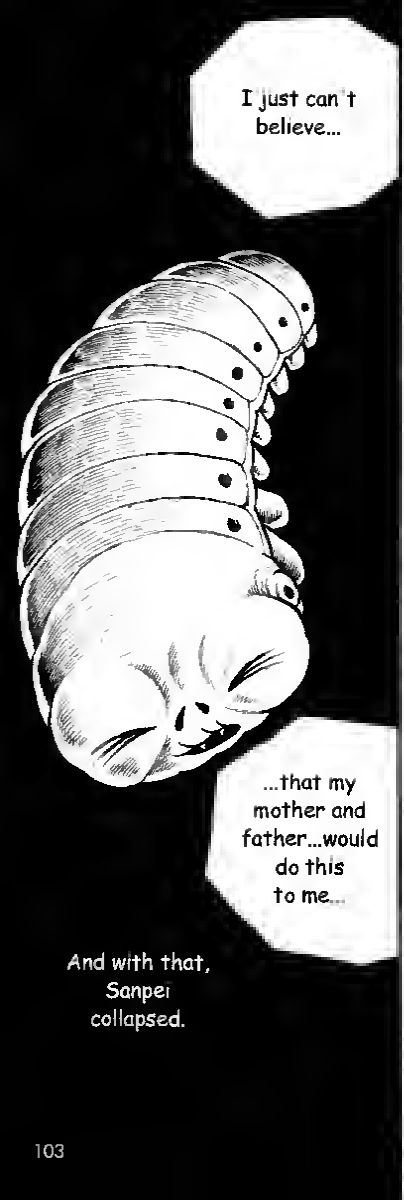
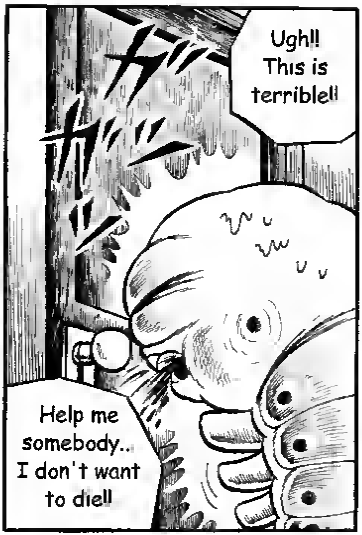
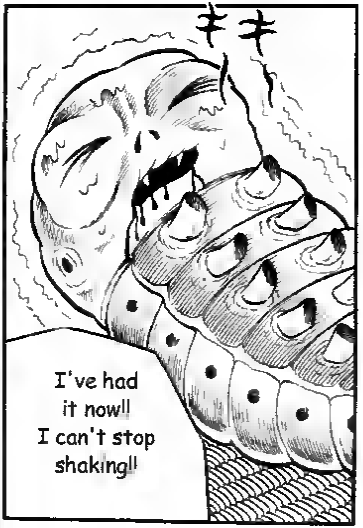
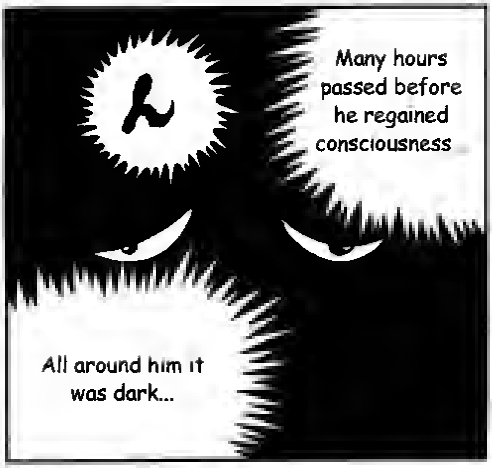
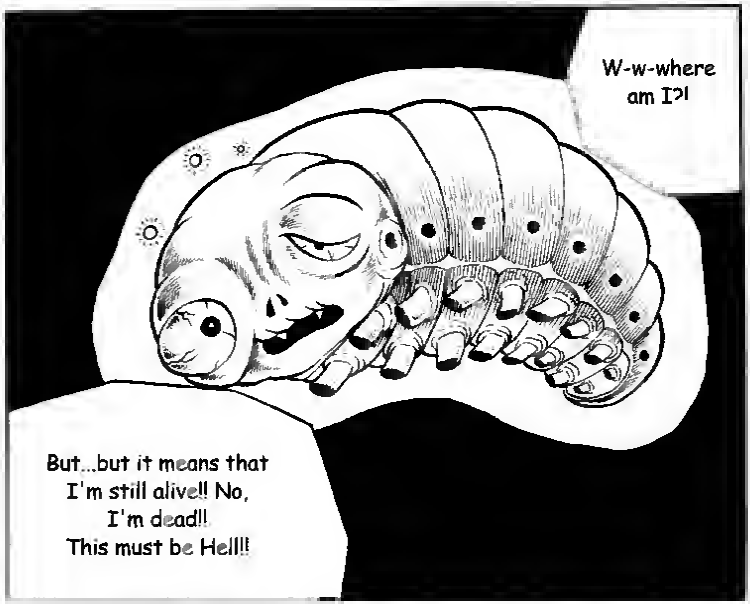

I just can't believe...
...that my mother and father...would do this to me...
And with that, Sanpei collapsed.

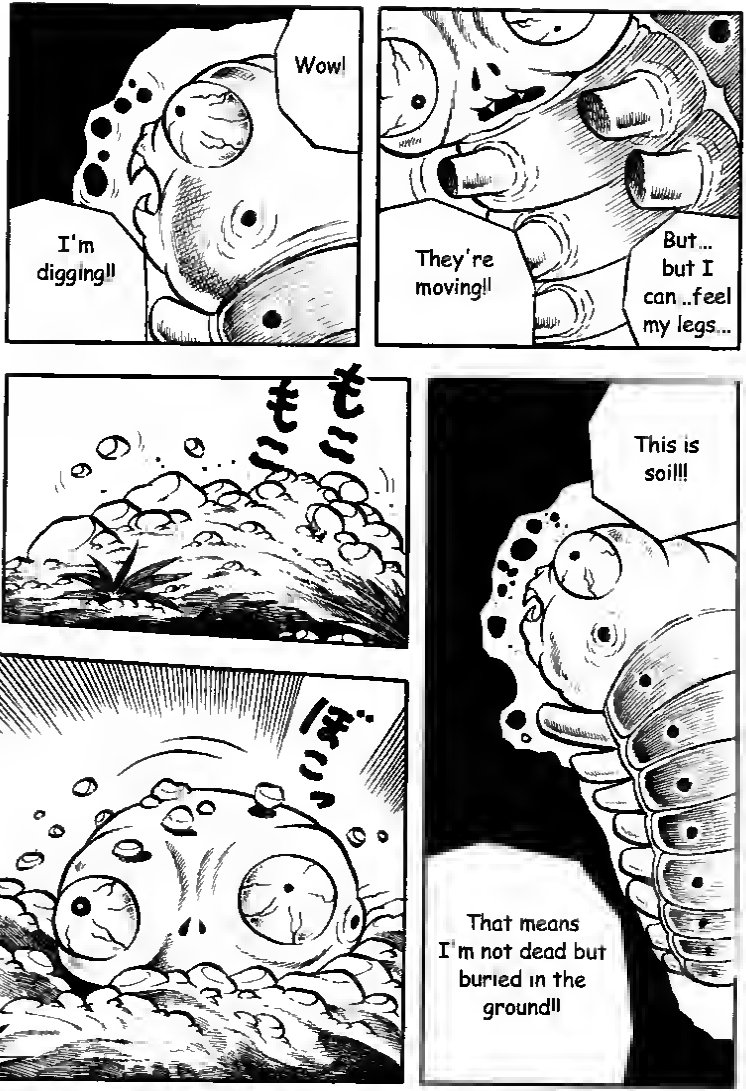

Ugh!! This is terrible!!
Help me somebody.. I don't want to die!!


I've had it now!! I can't stop shaking!!


Many hours passed before he regained consciousness
All around him it was dark...

Escape


W-w-where am I?!
But...but it means that I'm still alive!! No, I'm dead!! This must be Hell!!


Wow!
I'm digging!!
They're moving!!
But... but I can..feel my legs...
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This is soil!!!
That means I'm not dead but buried in the ground!!
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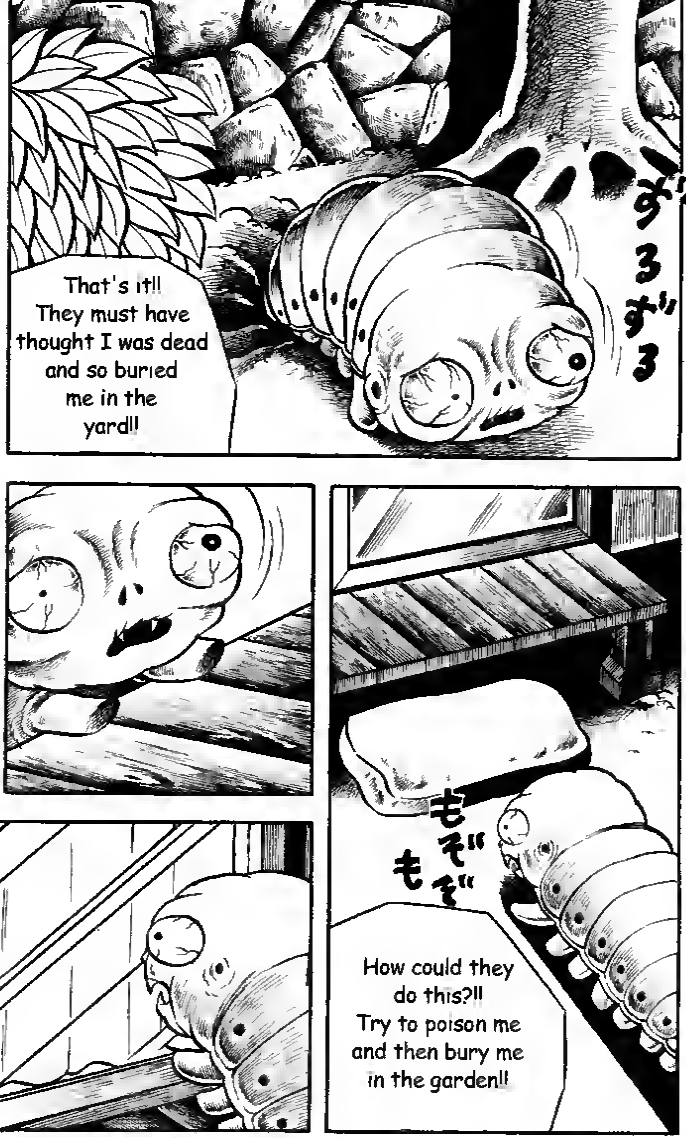
Hey!!
I'm in my
own garden!!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That's it!! They must have thought I was dead and so buried me in the yard!!
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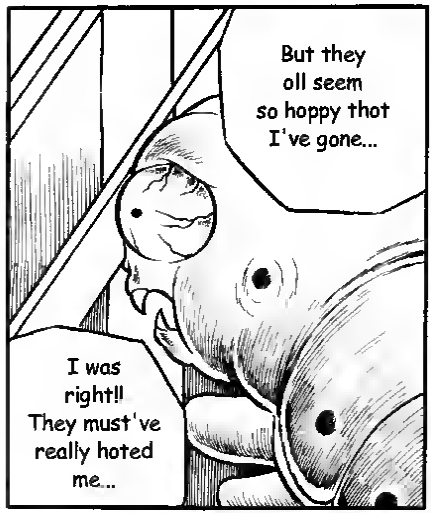
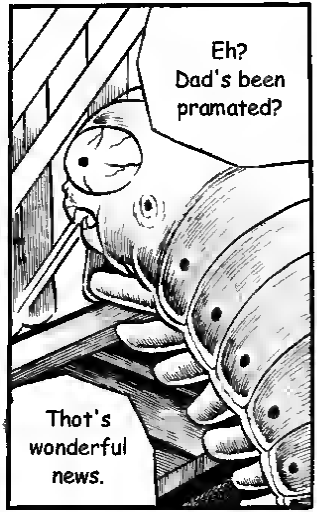
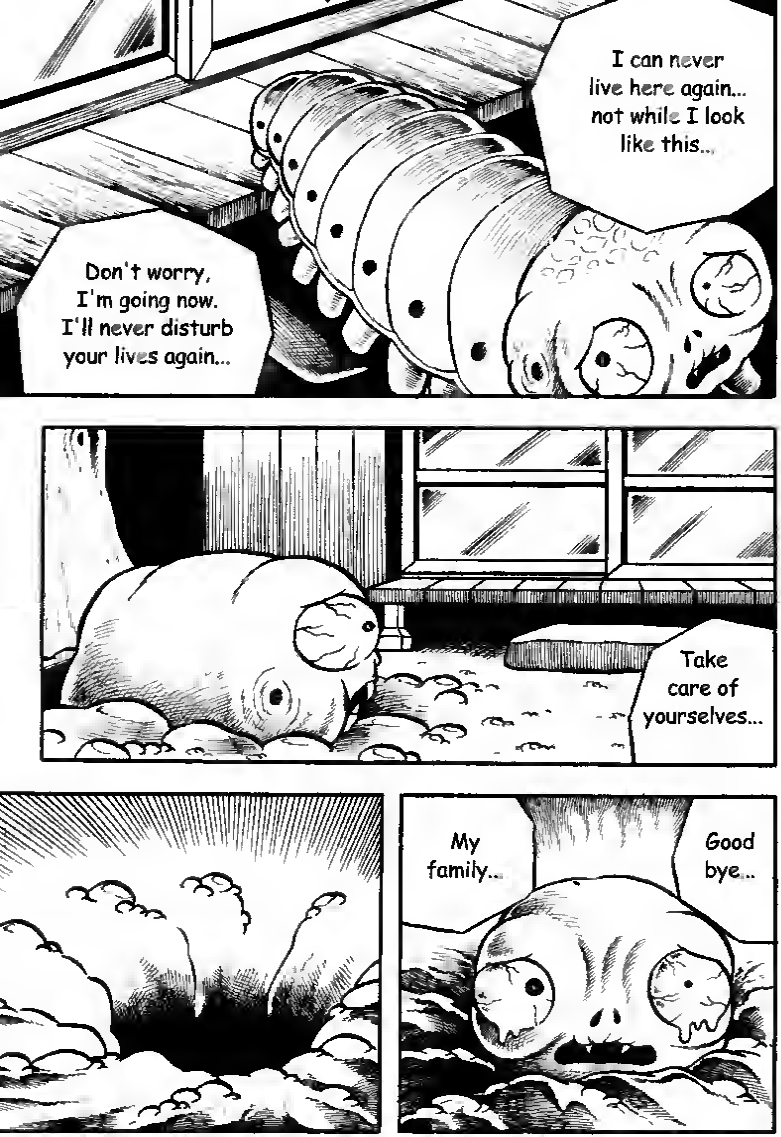
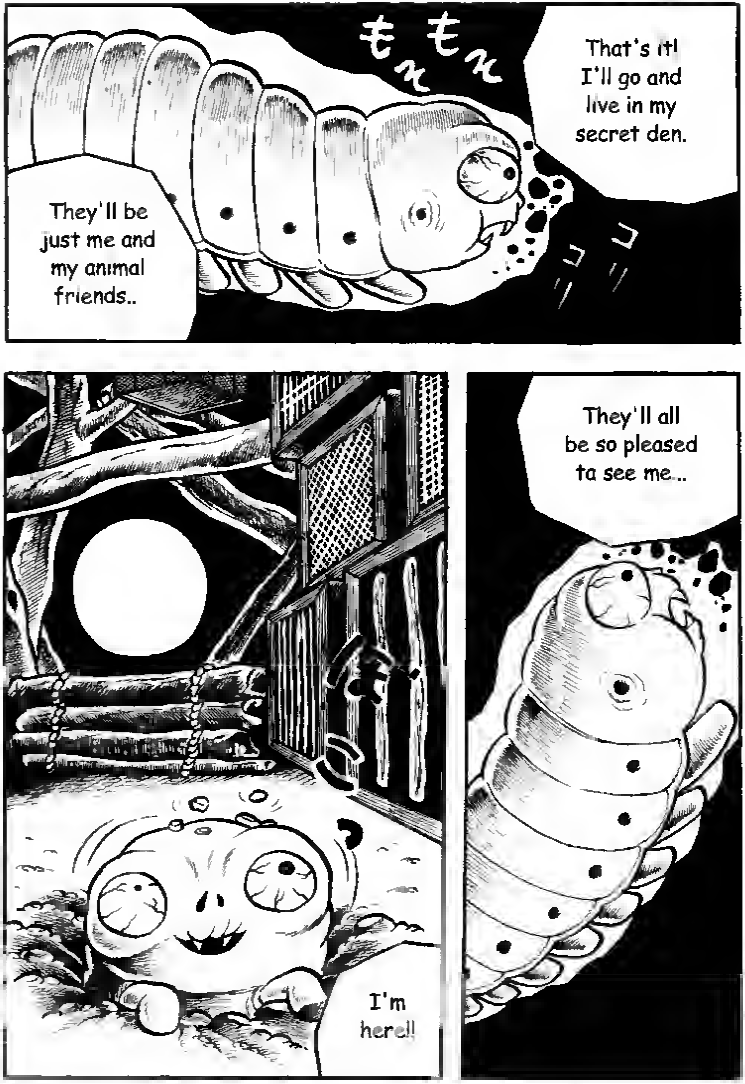
How could they do this?!! Try to poison me and then bury me in the garden!!

Ha ha ha... Everything's gone according to plan.
Congratulations on your promotion dear.
Yeah!!
Way to go Dad!!


But they all seem so happy that I've gone...
I was right!! They must've really hated me...


Eh? Dad's been promoted?
That's wonderful news.


I can never live here again... not while I look like this...
Don't worry, I'm going now. I'll never disturb your lives again...
Take care of yourselves...
My family...
Good bye...


That's it! I'll go and live in my secret den.
They'll be just me and my animal friends..
They'll all be so pleased ta see me...
I'm here!!

Hey!! How's everyone been?
Grrrrrrr...
Grrrrrrr...
Grrrrrrr... Ruff!! Ruff!!
What's the matter with you all? Look, it's me!!

Sssssssssll
Grrrr rrr...
Nyeeeo wwww!!!
Wh-wh-what are all you doing?!! It's me!! Sanpei!!
Yelp... yelp...!!
Grrrr rrrr!!
Ruff... ruff... grrrrrrr!!
Snarl... snarl...

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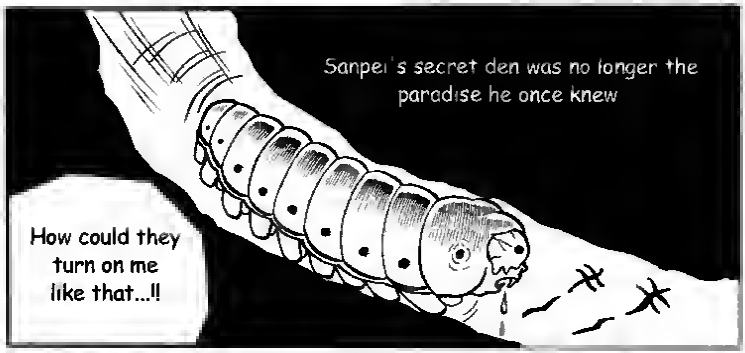
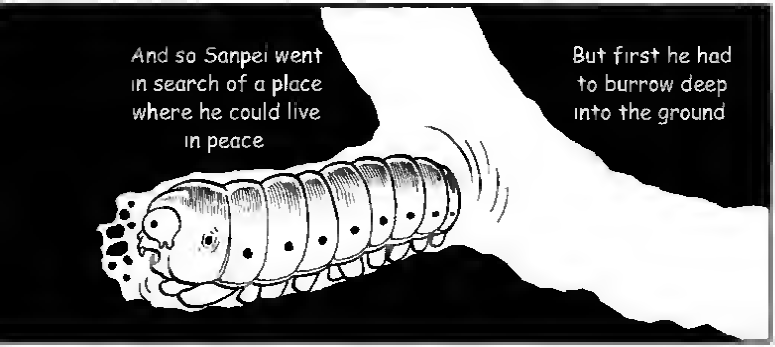
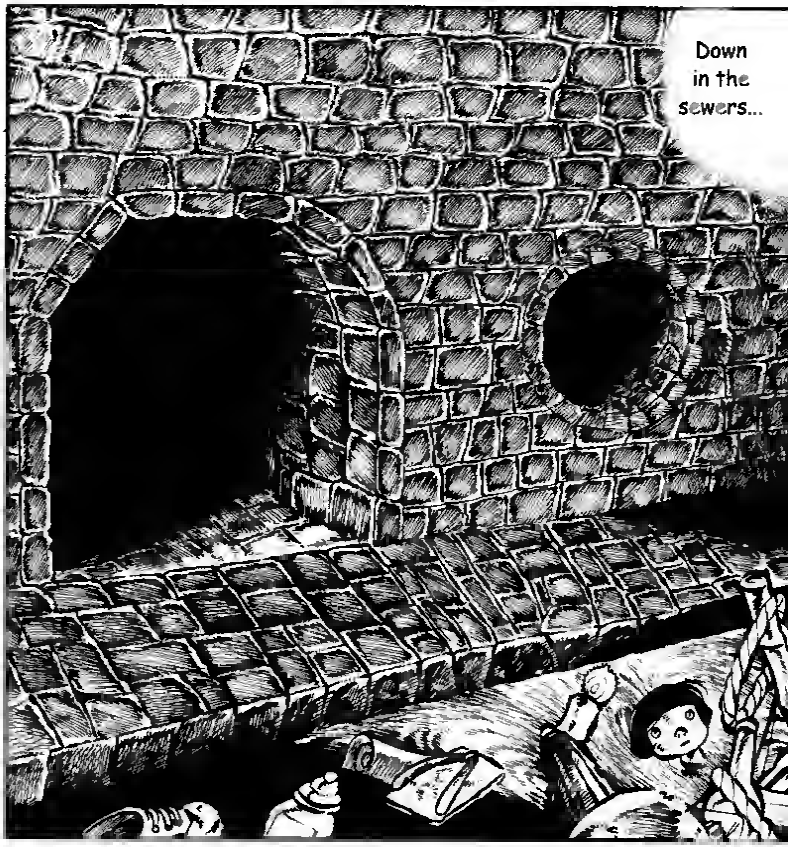
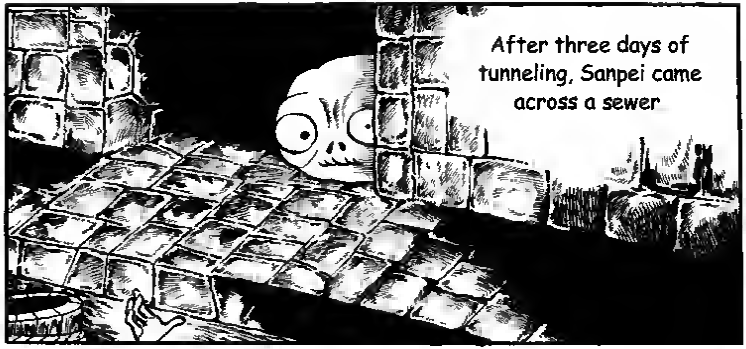
ruff...
grrrrrrr!!
Grrrr
rrrr!!
Yelp...
yelp...!!

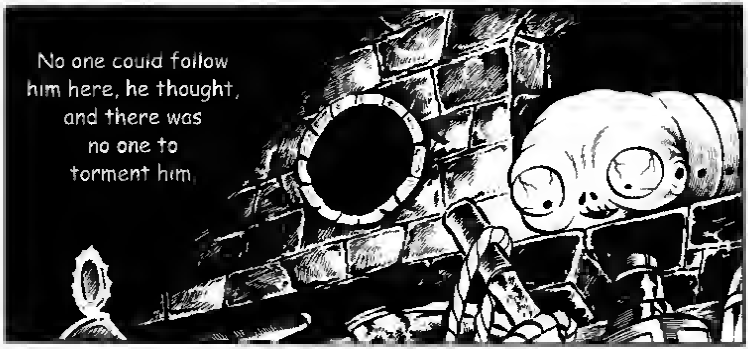

Sanpei's secret den was no longer the paradise he once knew
How could they turn on me like that...!!

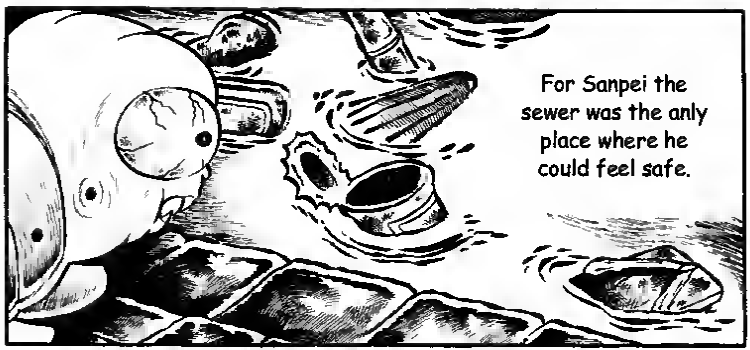

And so Sanpei went in search of a place where he could live in peace
But first he had to burrow deep into the ground

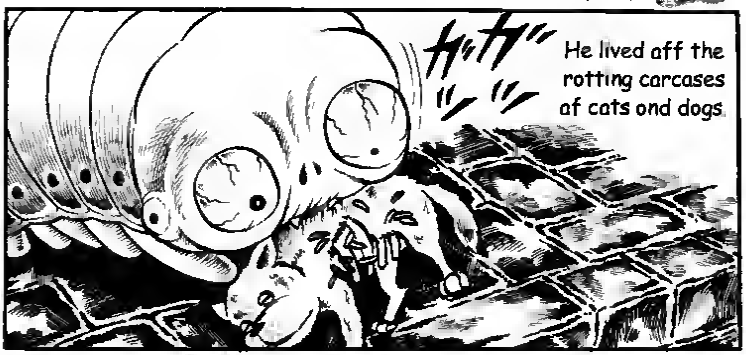
Home Sweet Sewer

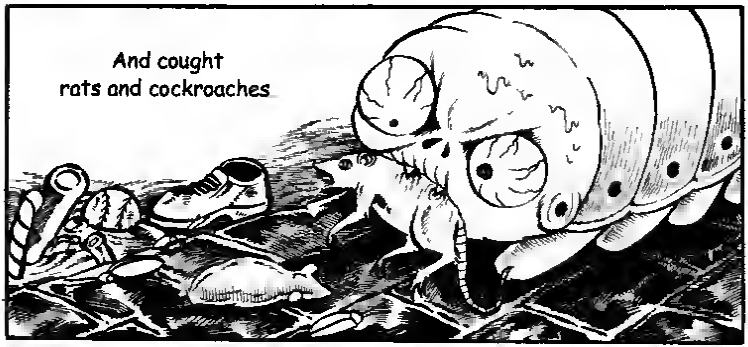


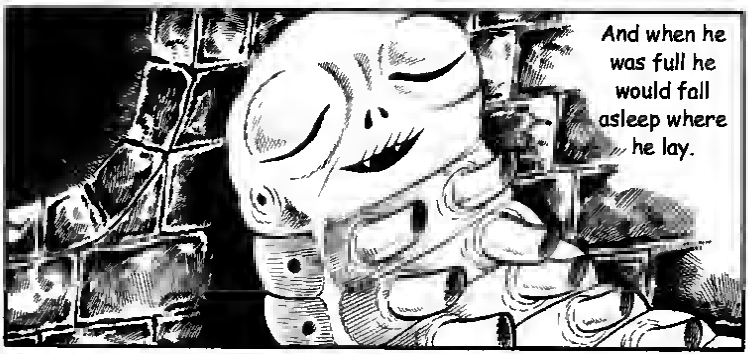

After three days of tunneling, Sanpei came across a sewer


No one could follow him here, he thought, and there was no one to torment him.

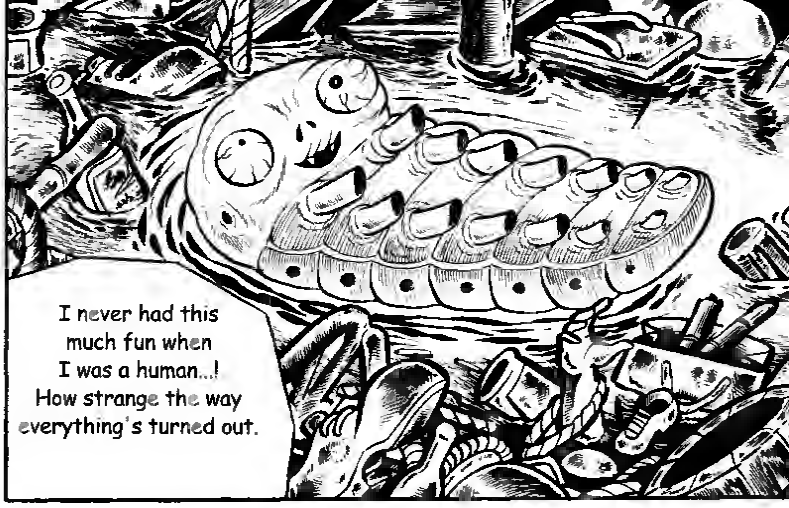

For Sanpei the sewer was the only place where he could feel safe.

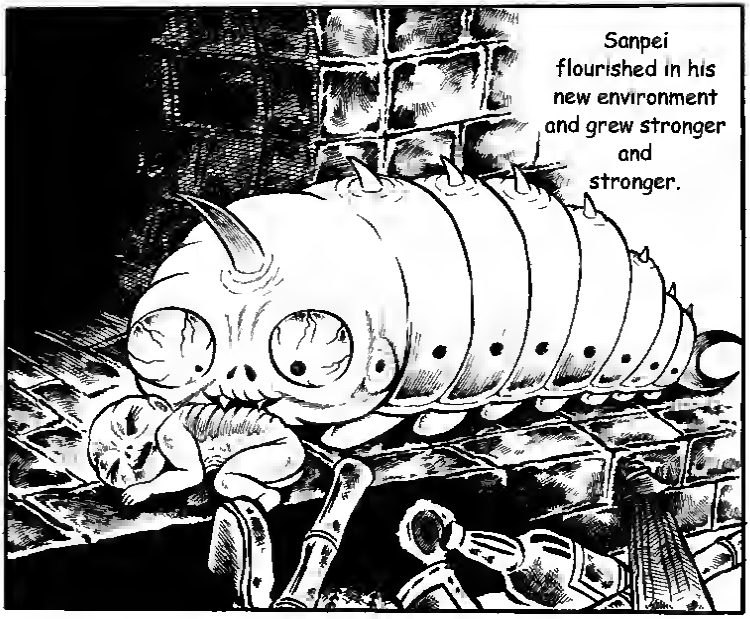

He lived off the rotting carcases of cats and dogs.

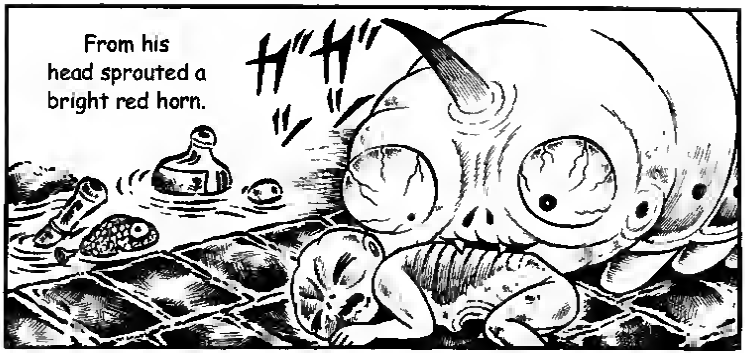

And cought rats and cockroaches.

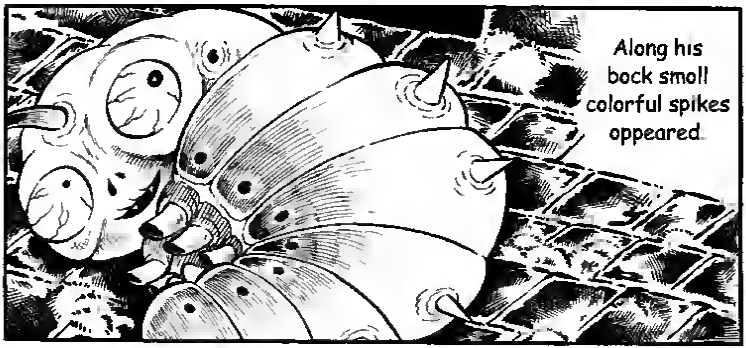

And when he was full he would fall asleep where he lay.

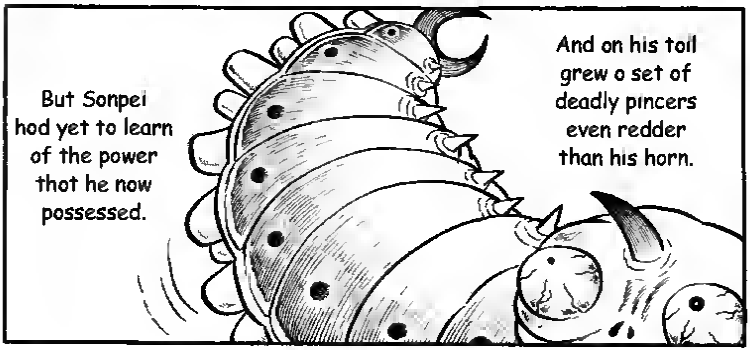
At bath times Sanpei wauld dive inta the palluted water, ablivians af the garbage that flaated araund him. He lived everyday as if it were his last, carefree and happy.
I've never enjayed myself marell
Everyday I feel mare and mare alivell


I never had this much fun when I was a human...! How strange the way everything's turned out.

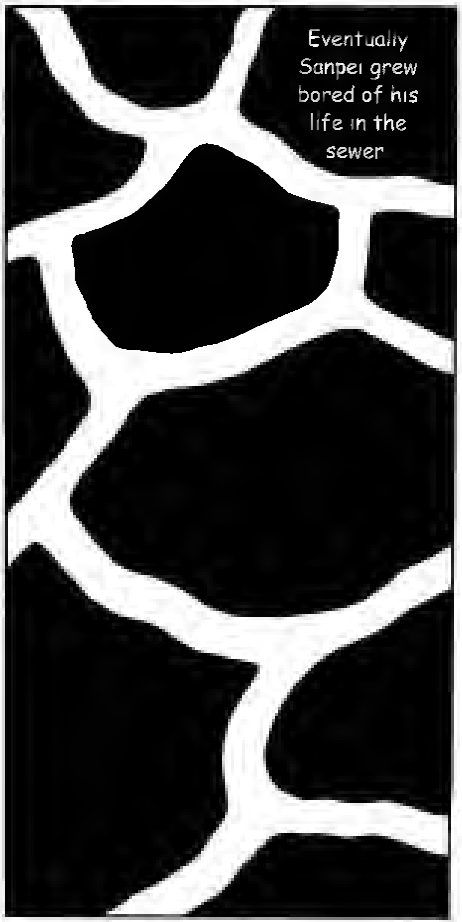

Sanpei flourished in his new environment and grew stronger and stronger.

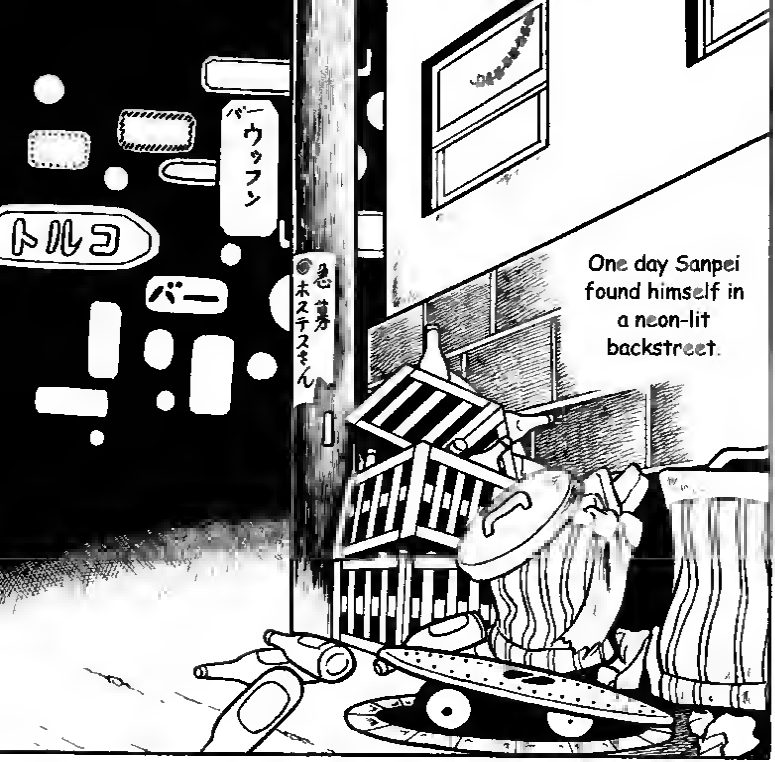

From his head sprouted a bright red horn.


Along his back small colorful spikes appeared.


But Sonpei had yet to learn of the power that he now possessed.
And on his tail grew a set of deadly pincers even redder than his horn.

Adventure, freedom, and loneliness

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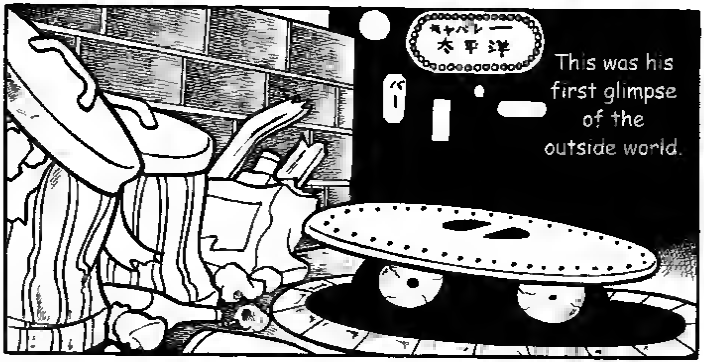
One day Sanpei found himself in a neon-lit backstreet.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This was his first glimpse of the outside world.

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There were women with painted faces...

Eh...wha's thot peepin' outto there?
And drunk men...

Wha the hell are yau? Haw dare yau spy an me like that!! I'll teach you, you sneaky bastard!!
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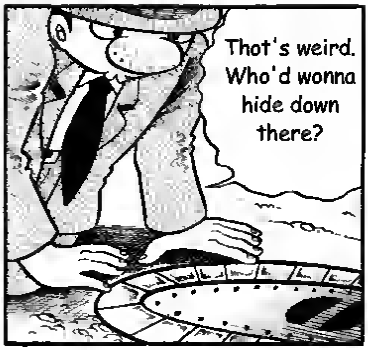
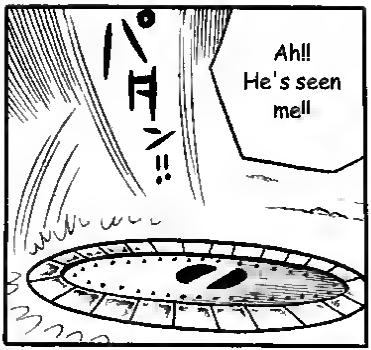

Thot's weird. Who'd wonna hide down there?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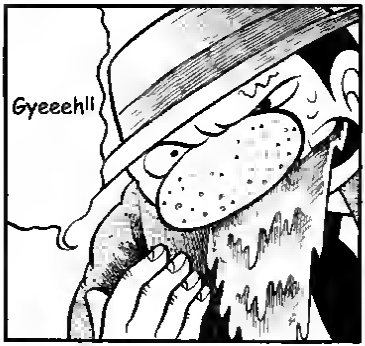
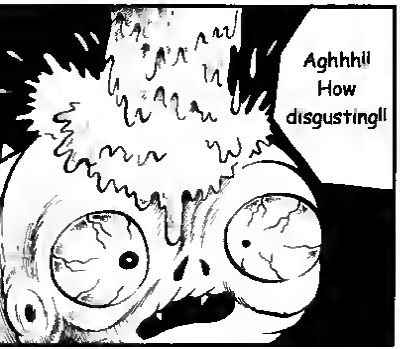
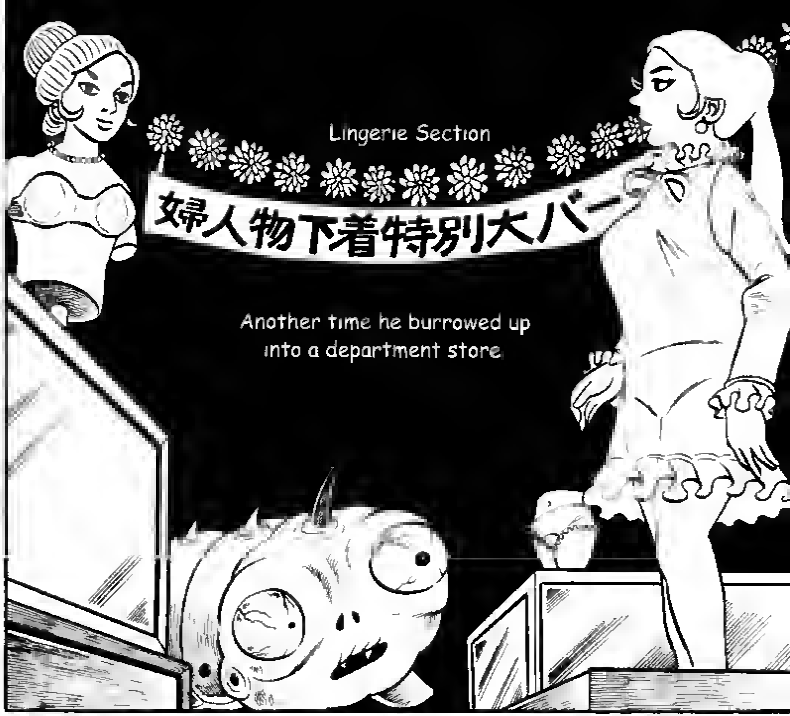
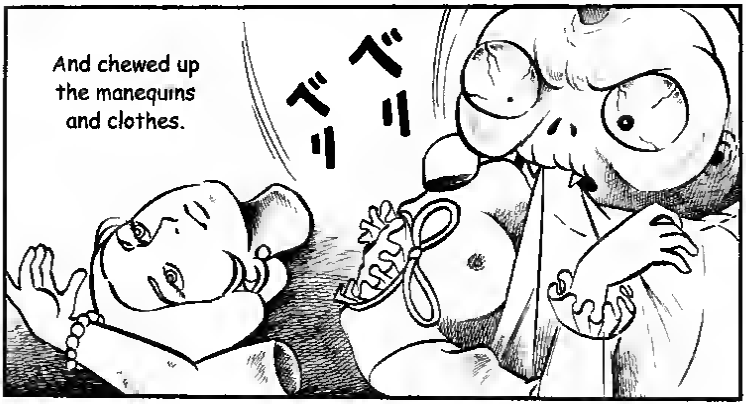
Ah!! He's seen me!!


Gyeeeh!!

Hey you!! Where're ya hidin'?!!
Domn!! It's so dark I can't see a thing!! Show yourself, you freak!!


Aghhh!! How disgusting!!


Lingerie Section
婦人物下着特別大バー
Another time he burrowed up into a department store


And chewed up the manequins and clothes.
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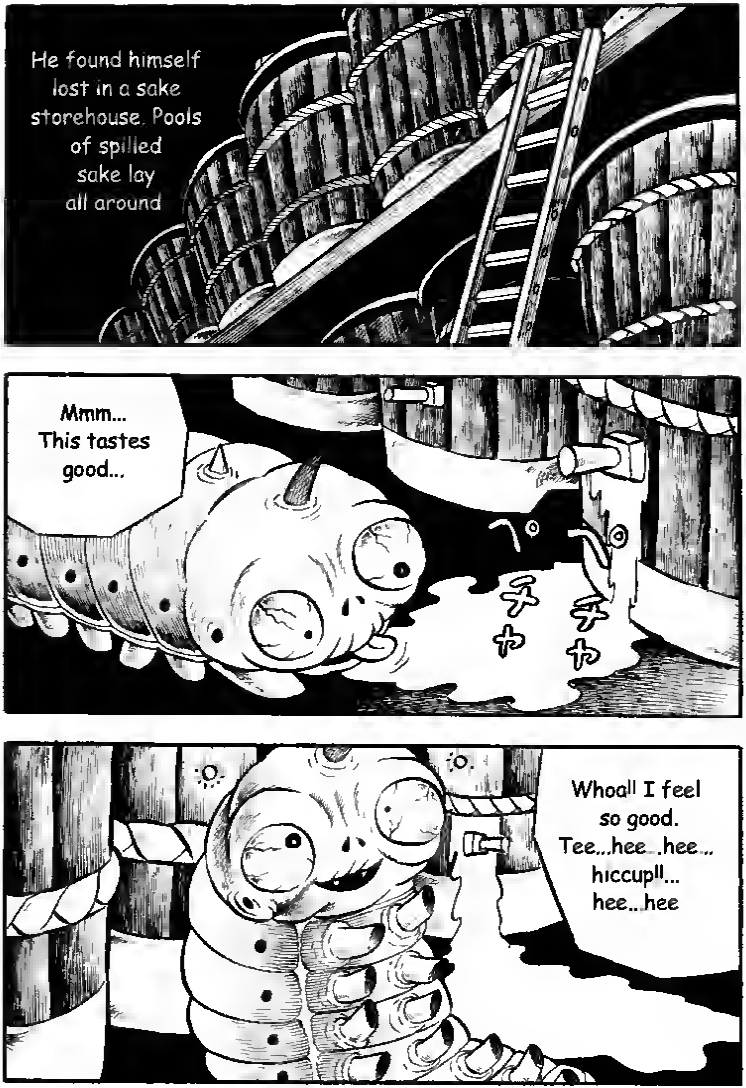
He found himself lost in a sake storehouse. Pools of spilled sake lay all around
Mmm... This tastes good...
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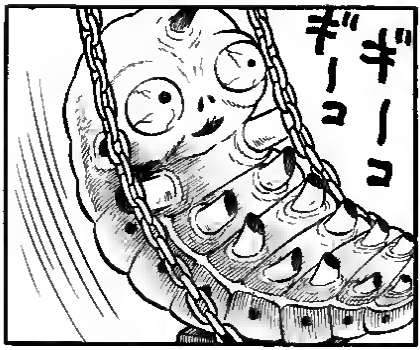
Whoa!! I feel so good. Tee...hee...hee... hiccup!!... hee...hee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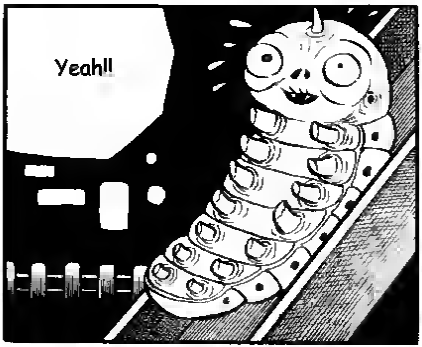
Yeah!!

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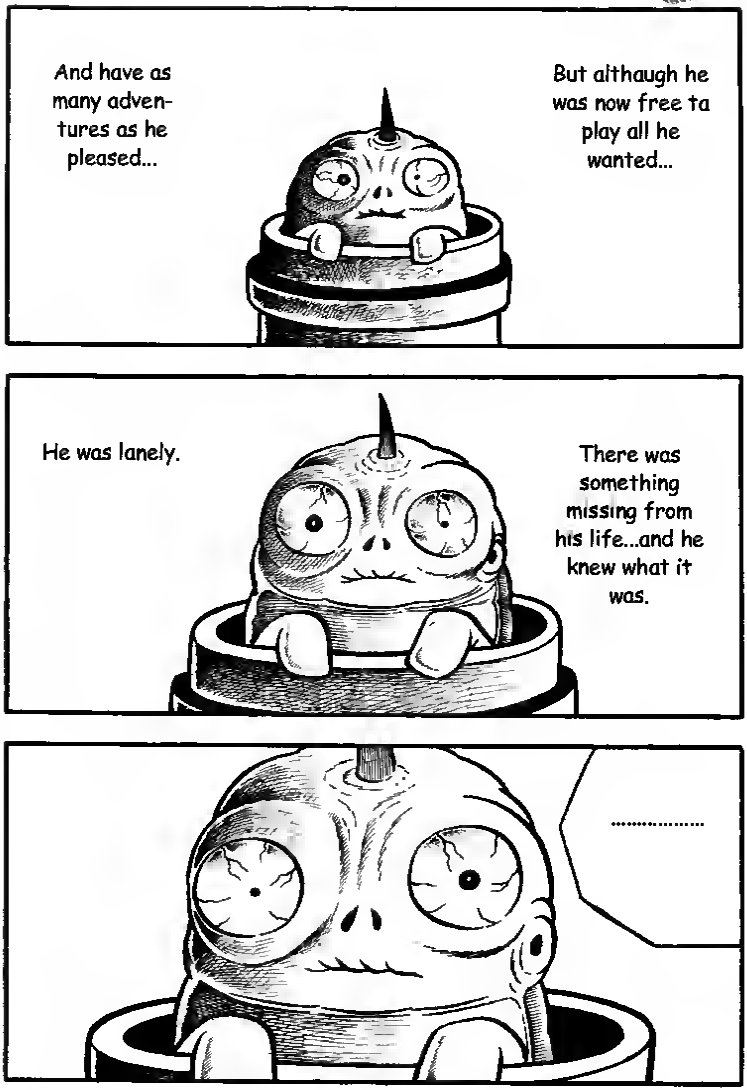
And on another evening he found a deserted park where he could play till morning...

On one ocassion he crowled up inside the
chimney of o foctory ond spent
the whole day looking out over the town.


And have as many adventures as he pleased...
But although he was now free ta play all he wanted...
He was lonely.
There was something missing from his life...and he knew what it was.
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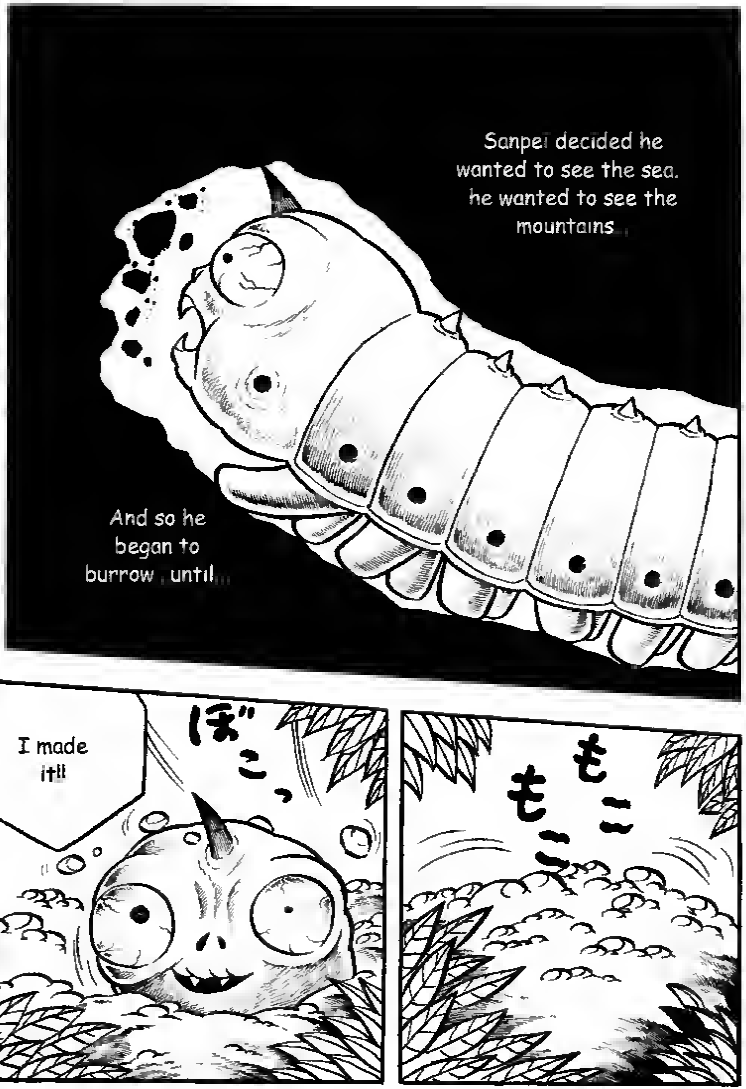
Sanpei decided he wanted to see the sea. he wanted to see the mountains...
And so he began to burrow, until...
I made it!!
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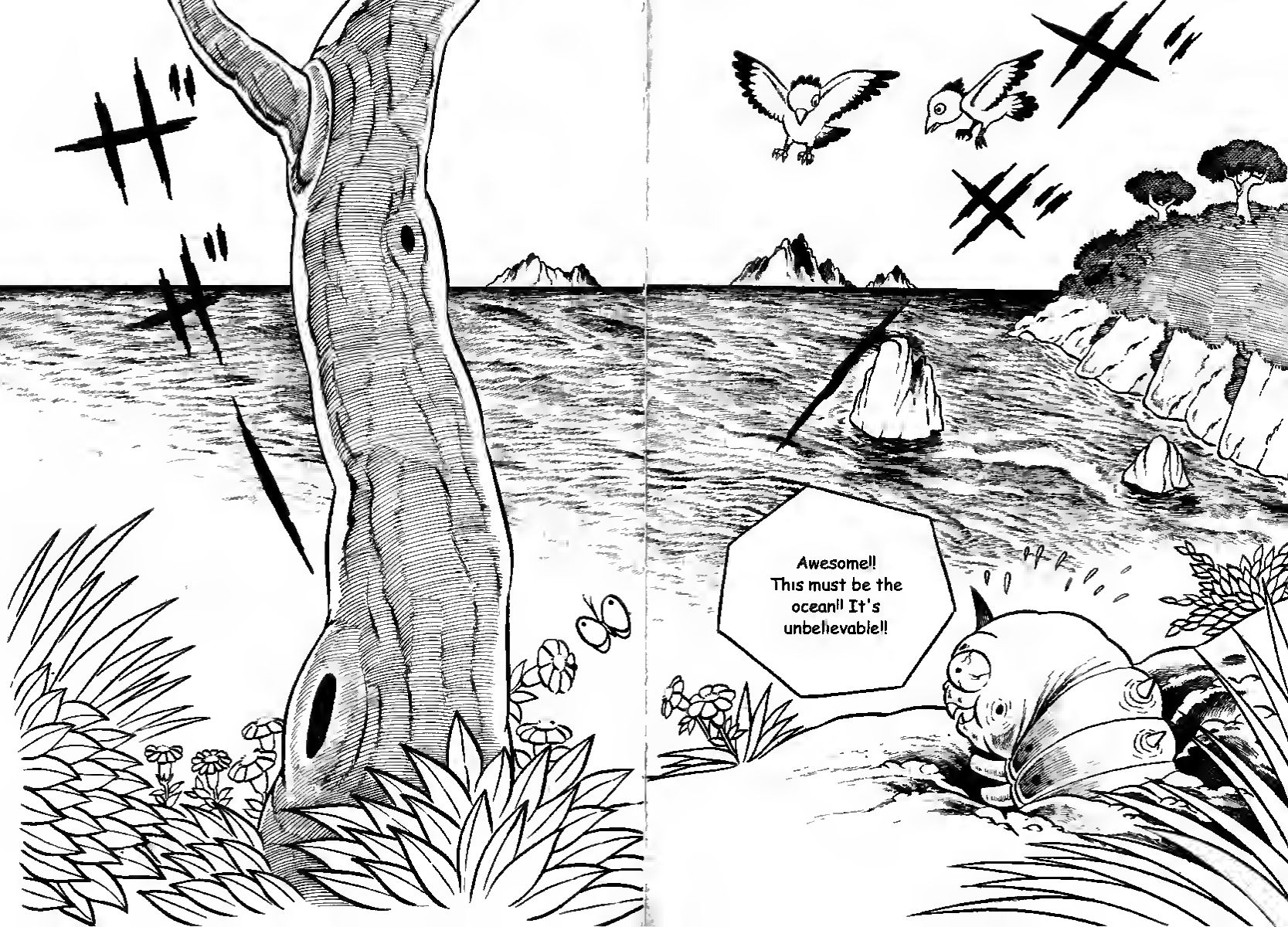
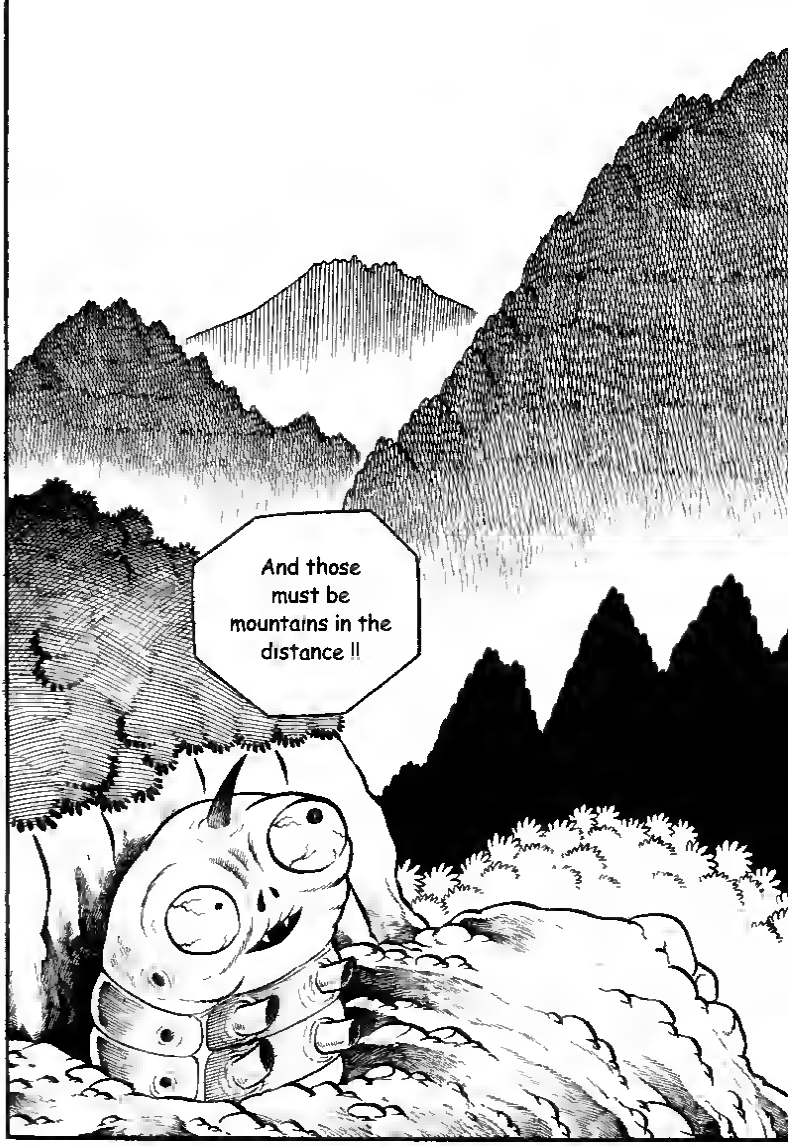
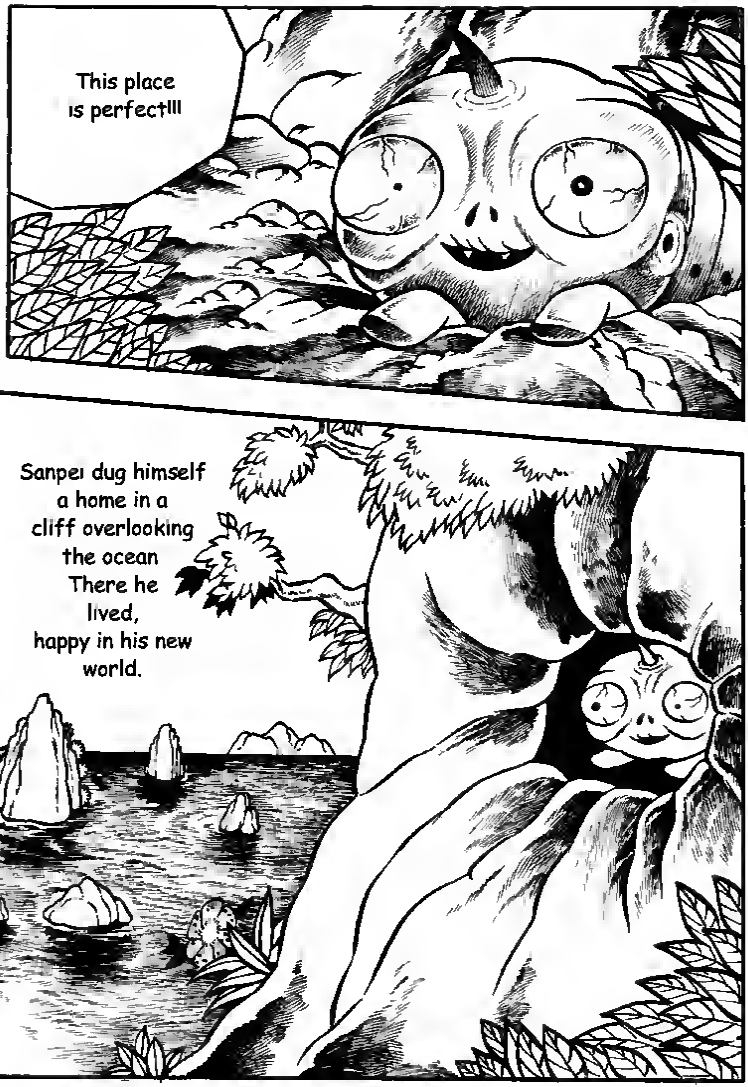
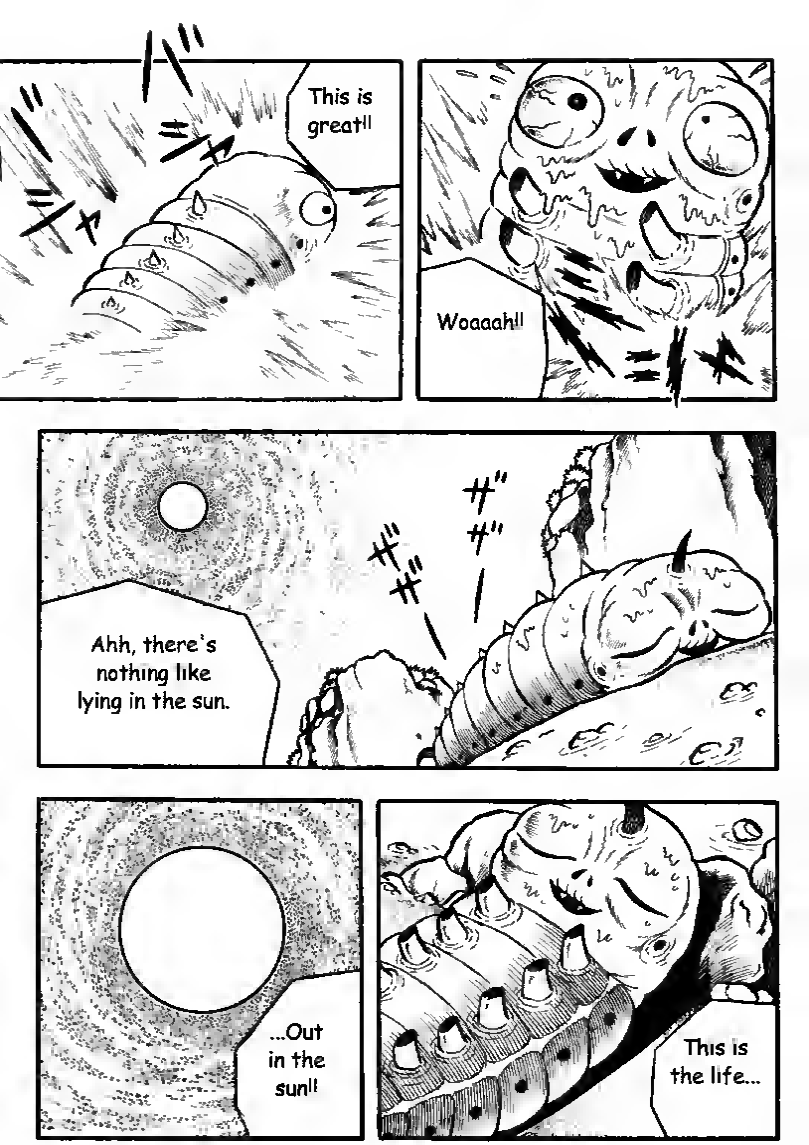
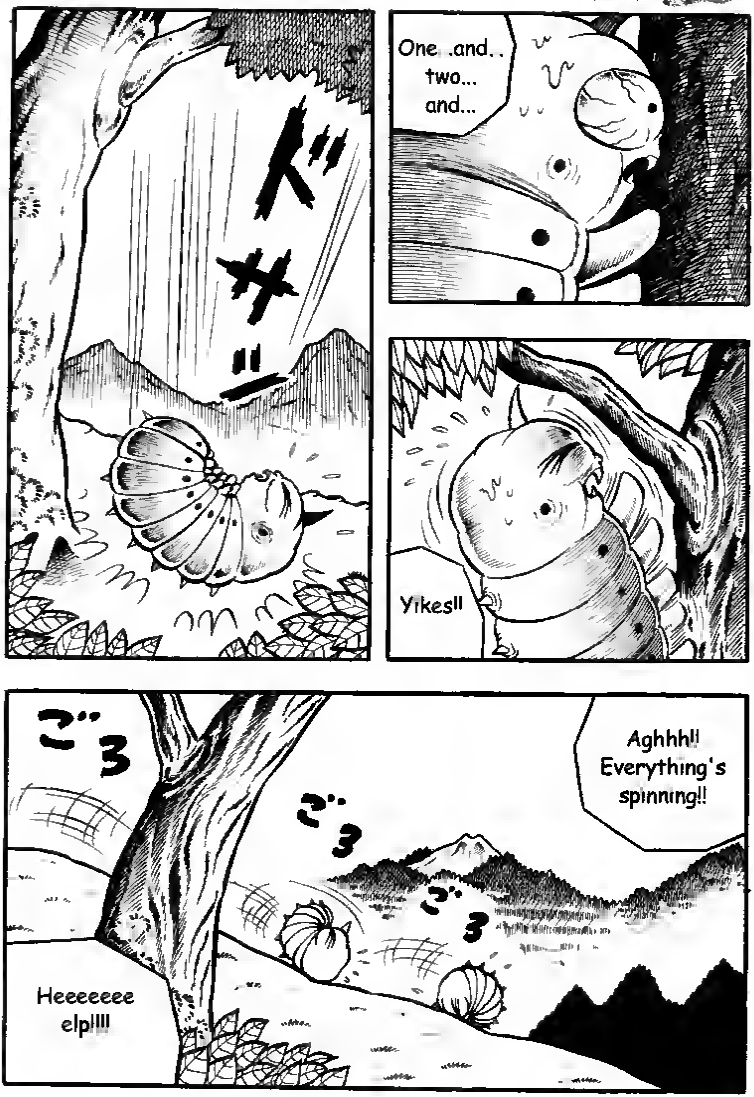

Awesome!! This must be the ocean!! It's unbelievable!!


And those must be mountains in the distance !!


This place is perfect!!!
Sanpei dug himself a home in a cliff overlooking the ocean There he lived, happy in his new world.

Yippee!!
I'm diving!!
He spent everyday walking in the mountains and playing in the sea.


This is great!!
Woaaah!!
Ahh, there's nothing like lying in the sun.
...Out in the sun!!
This is the life...


One .and.. two... and...
Yikes!!
Aghhh!! Everything's spinning!!
Heeeeeee elp!!!

Look at me!!
I'm Tarzan!!!
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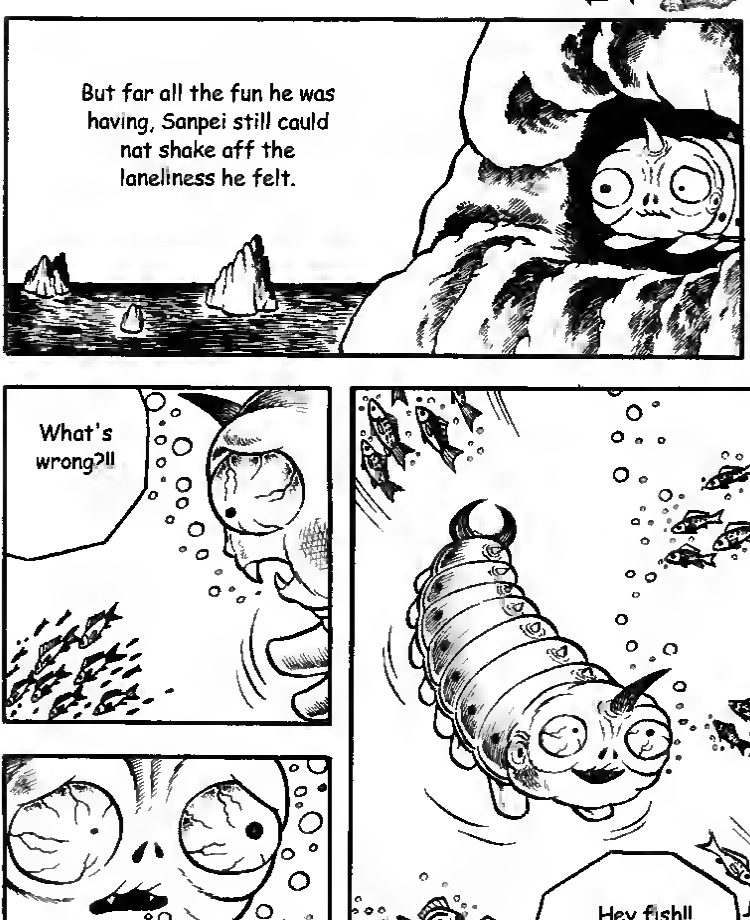
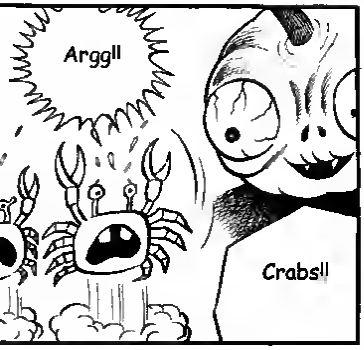
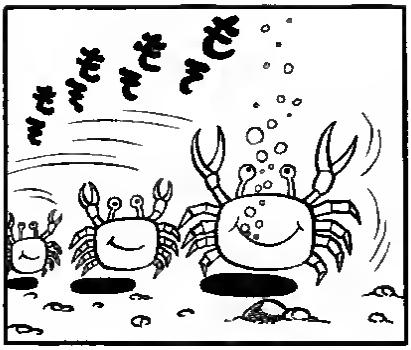

But far all the fun he was having, Sanpei still cauld nat shake aff the laneliness he felt.
What's wrong?!!
Hey fish!! Came on, lets play!!


Argg!!
Crabs!!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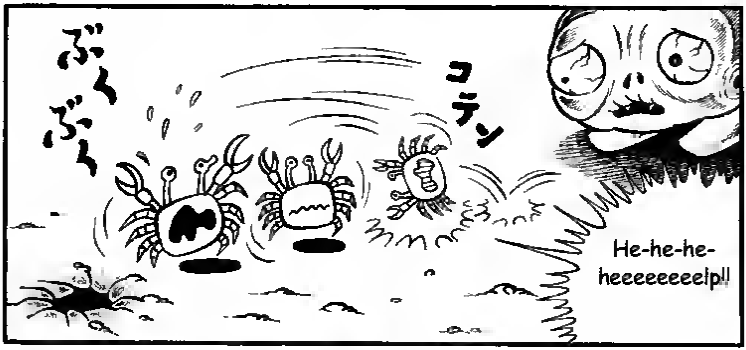
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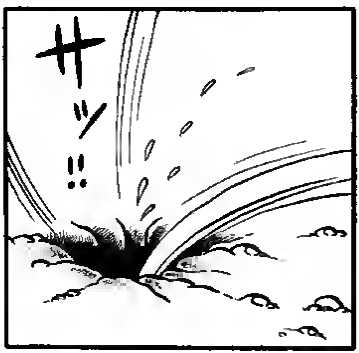
He-he-he-heeeeeeeeelp!!

Why's everyone running away?!!!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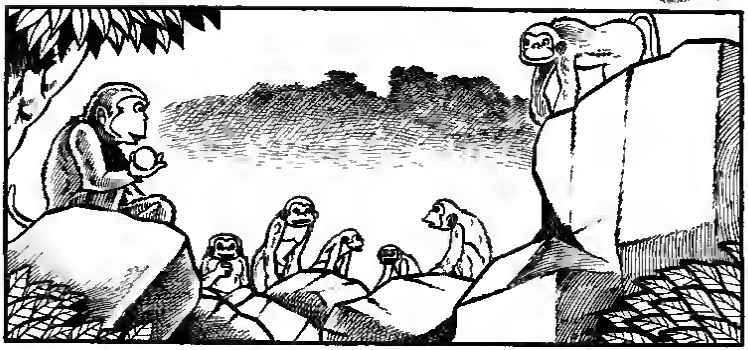
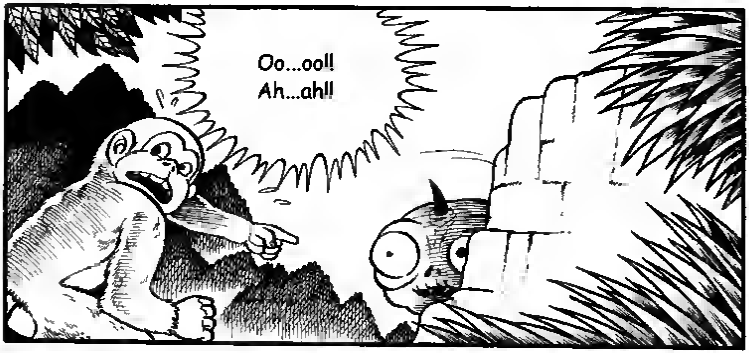
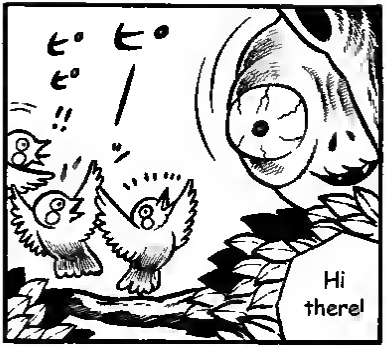
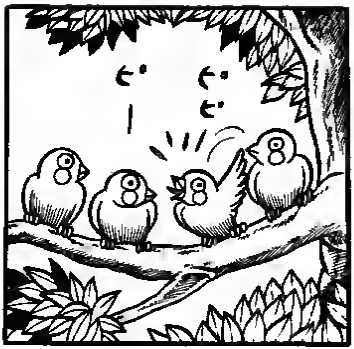


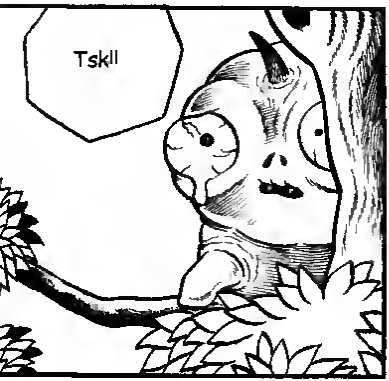

Oo...oo!!
Ah...ah!!

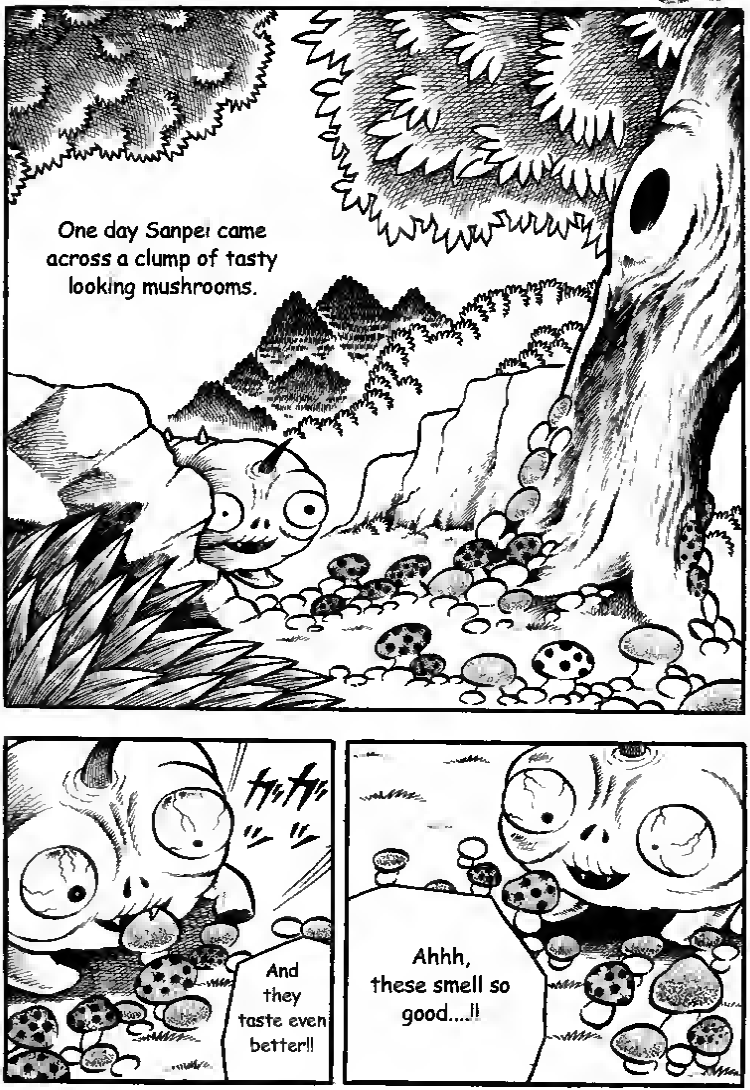
I only
wanna be
your
friend.....





When the other animals saw Sanpei all they saw was a poisonous bug. Only Sanpei didn't realize how dangerous he really was.




One day Sanpei came across a clump of tasty looking mushrooms.
Ahhh, these smell so good....!!
And they taste even better!!

...but they were so good....
I've pigged out...
Oh no. those mushrooms must've been poisonous!!
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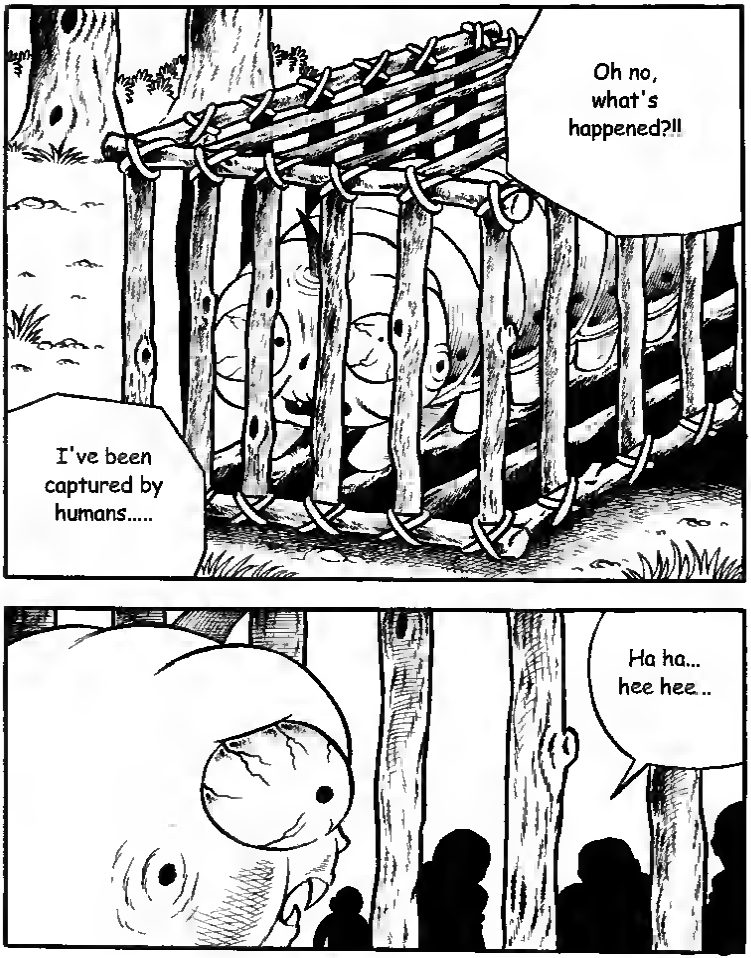
Ugh... something's wrong...
Aghhhh... I can't move...!!

The Bug Boy


Oh no, what's happened?!!
I've been captured by humans.....
Ha ha... hee hee..

Ah di'n't believe it woz reel when ah firs' seen it!!
Ah mytont be smart, but ah'm the strongest there be 'roun' 'ere.
Ah grobs it bah its red ol' 'orn an' "thwump!!" ... oh dun woop its ass.
No way oh'm oh gonno let some 'nsect beat me!!

An' nah lookee 'ere. Woddo youz all think 'bout mah liddle monstoh!!!
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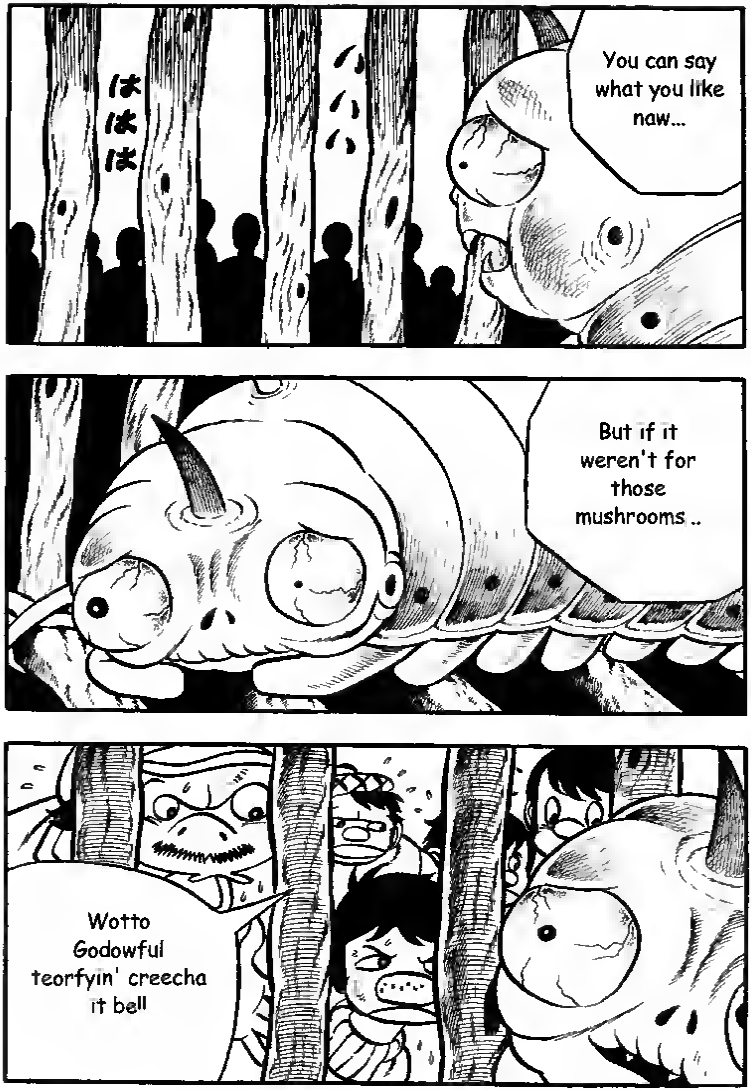
Yep, I sez it bifor on' I sez it agin Gonto's the tuffess' we gatt 'roun''ere
Youz gonno live till youz one 'undred on' one.
If youz ain't the bestest there bell
My oh my...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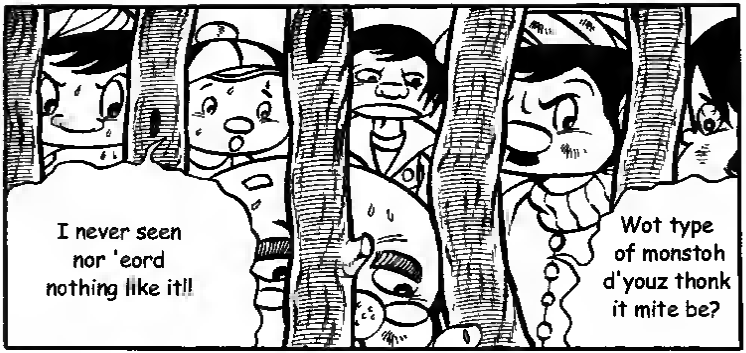
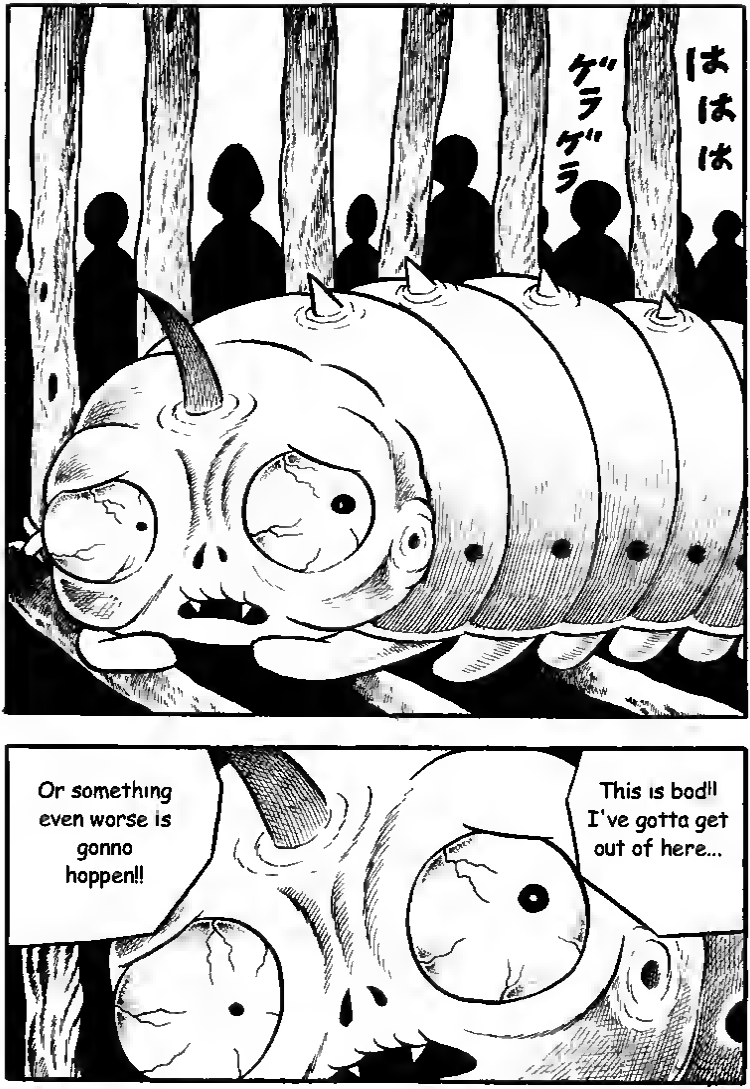
You can say what you like naw...
But if it weren't for those mushrooms ..
Wotto Godowful teorfyin' creecha it bell


I never seen nor 'eord nothing like it!!
Wot type of monstoh d'youz thonk it mite be?

Tho' be one hell of o good ideah!
If them newspoper folks get wind of this, they'z gonno moke youz a big ol' stor Gonto

Heez gonno live for 'ever o'never.
Our liddle villoge iz gonna 'ave it'sone reeyol life stor!!
Big stor eh? Tho' roin't no bad ideah!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This is bad!! I've gotta get out of here...
Or something even worse is gonna happen!!

Thot night...
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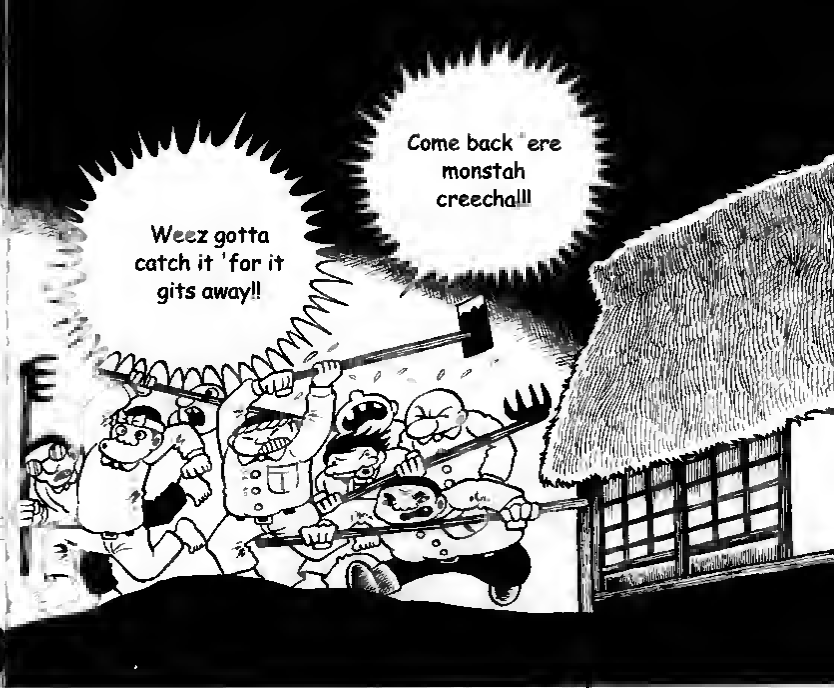
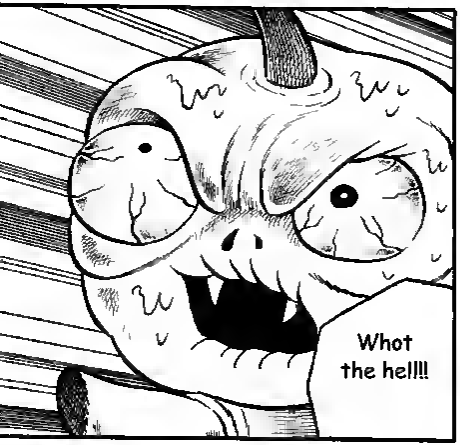
ゲラゲラ
パニック

Shhh!! D'yo hear thot?!!
Weez gonno hove oh ver'yone stor.
Con-grott-you-loy-shonz boyz.

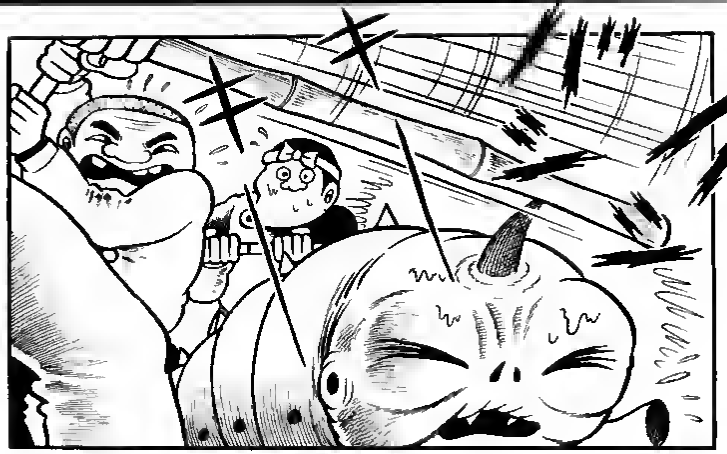
My Lord in Heaven!! Will youz tek a lookee at that!!
Wot?!! Iz gotta be that creecha!!
It's gitting away!!
.....Oh no!!! They've seen me!!

It's no good. They're gonna catch me!!

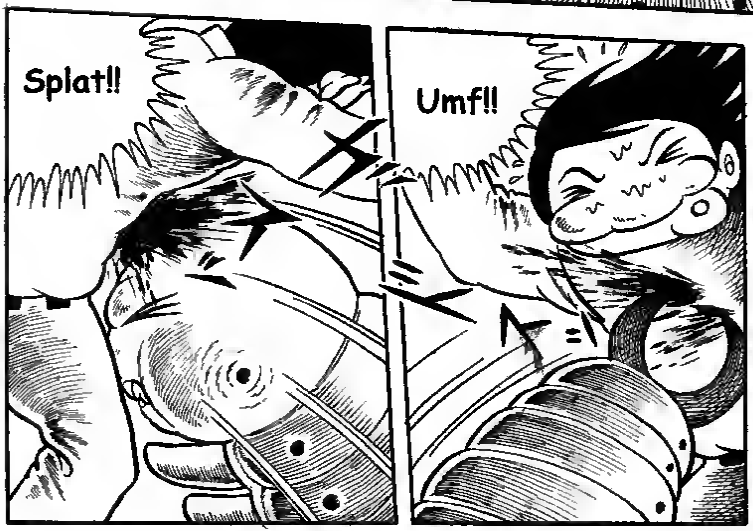

Weez gotta catch it 'for it gits away!!
Come back 'ere monstah creecha!!!

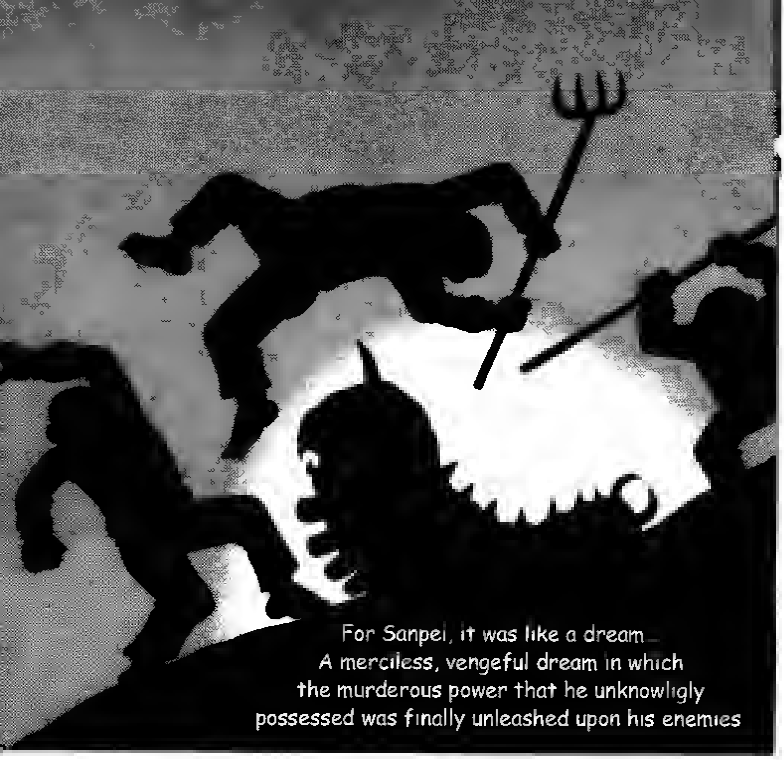

Whot the he!!!!

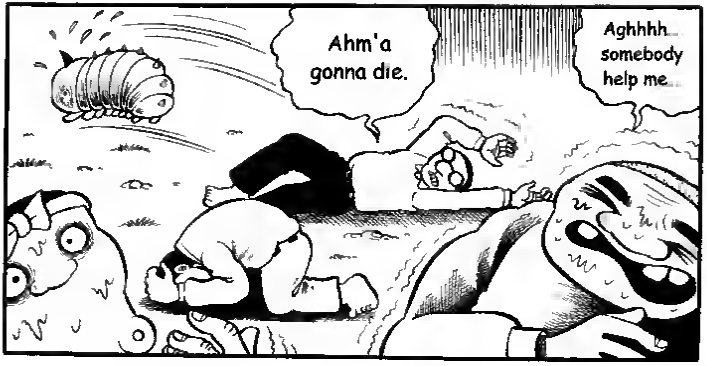
I'm tired of always running!!

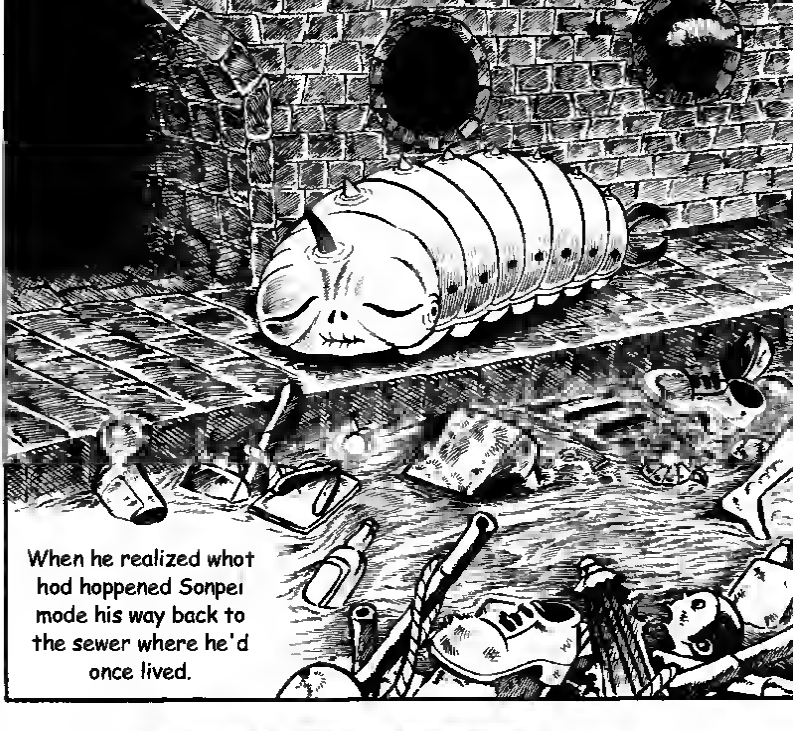


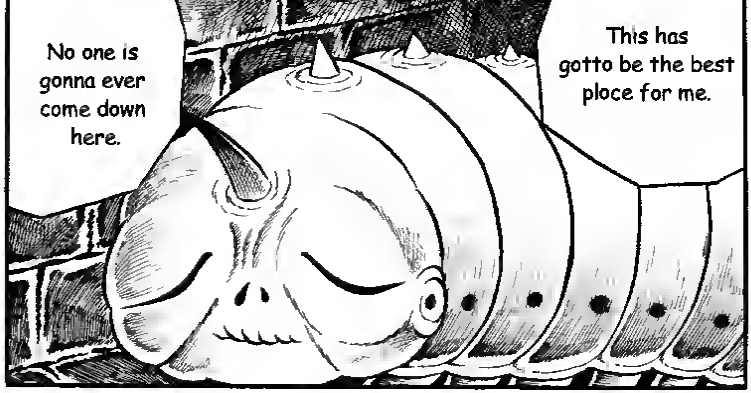
Aghhhh! Iz gone and stuck me!!
Gettowda here!!

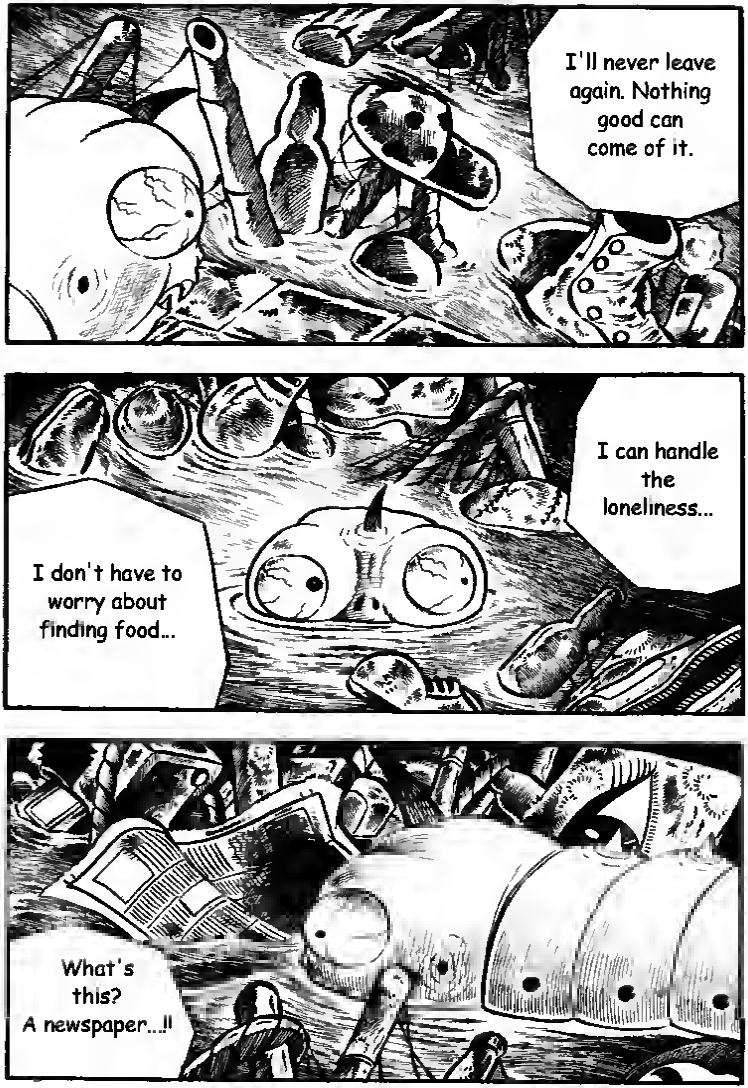

Splat!!
Umf!!


For Sanpei, it was like a dream...
A merciless, vengeful dream in which
the murderous power that he unknowingly
possessed was finally unleashed upon his enemies


Ahm'a
gonna die.
Aghhhh...
somebody
help me...

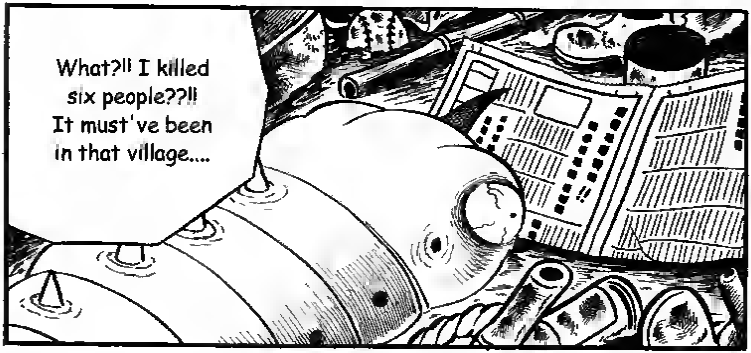

When he realized whot hod hoppened Sonpei mode his way back to the sewer where he'd once lived.

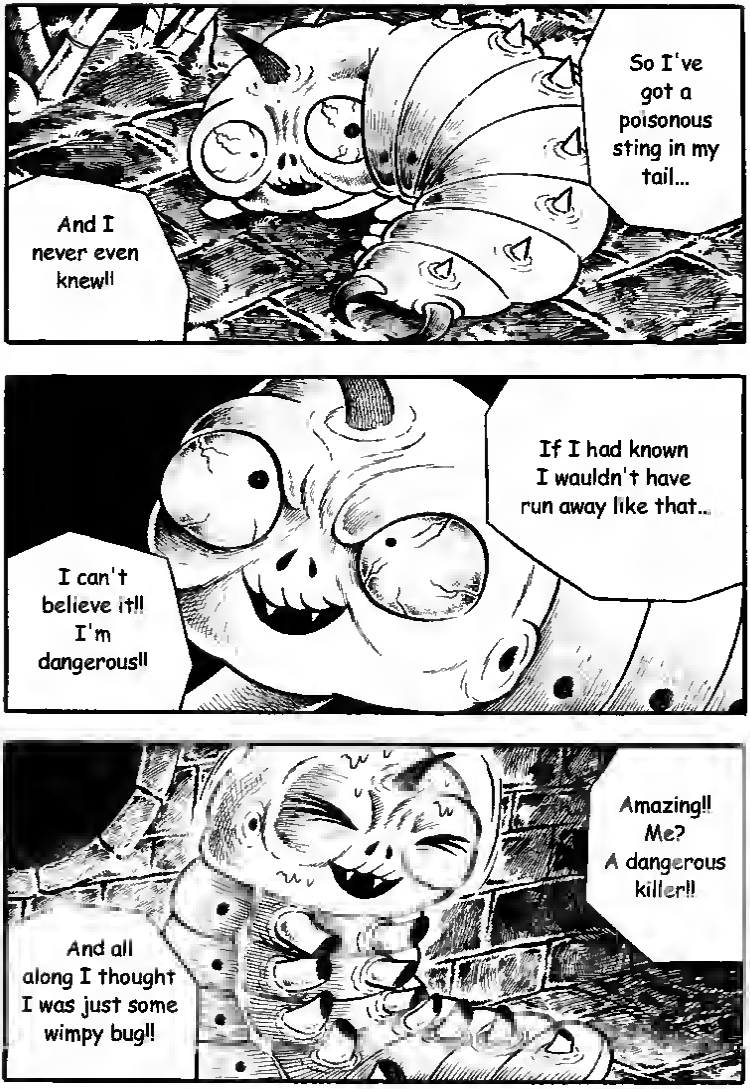

No one is gonna ever come down here.
This has gotto be the best ploce for me.

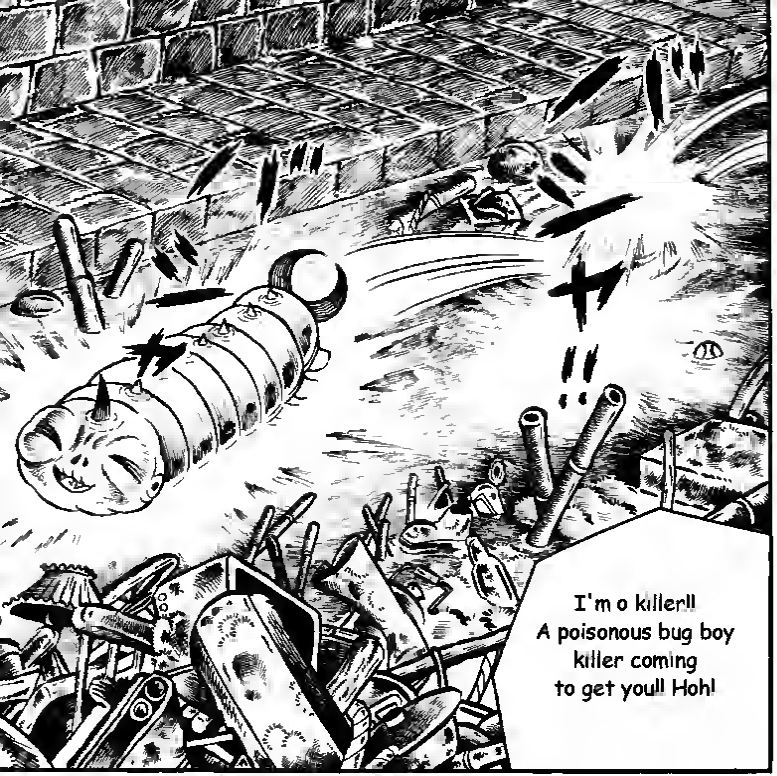

I'll never leave again. Nothing good can come of it.
I can handle the loneliness...
I don't have to worry about finding food...
What's this? A newspaper...!!

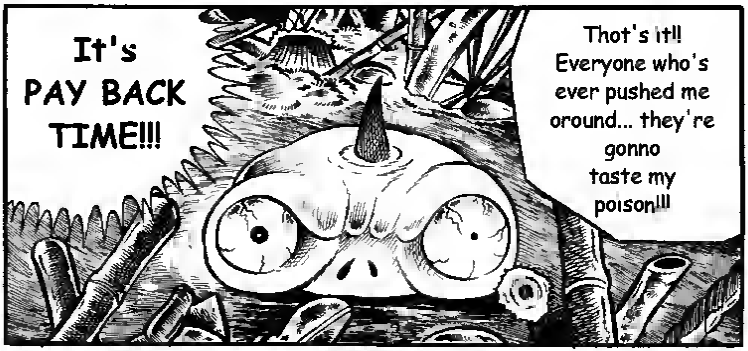
Ah! Oh no!!
"Creature Kills Six with Poisonous Sting"
怪物現わる!!
六人 毒針で殺さる
漫画家自殺 借金を苦に……
恐怖にふる
あんな怪

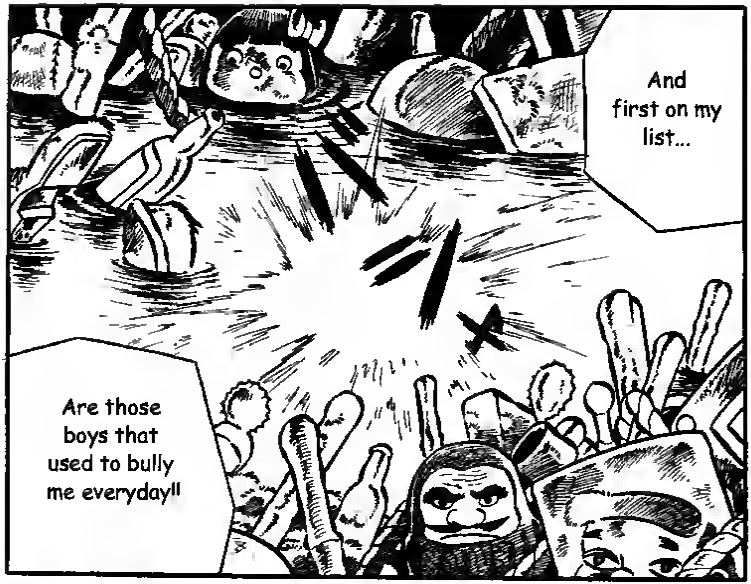
怪物現わる!!
六人毒針で殺す


What?!! I killed six people??!! It must've been in that village....

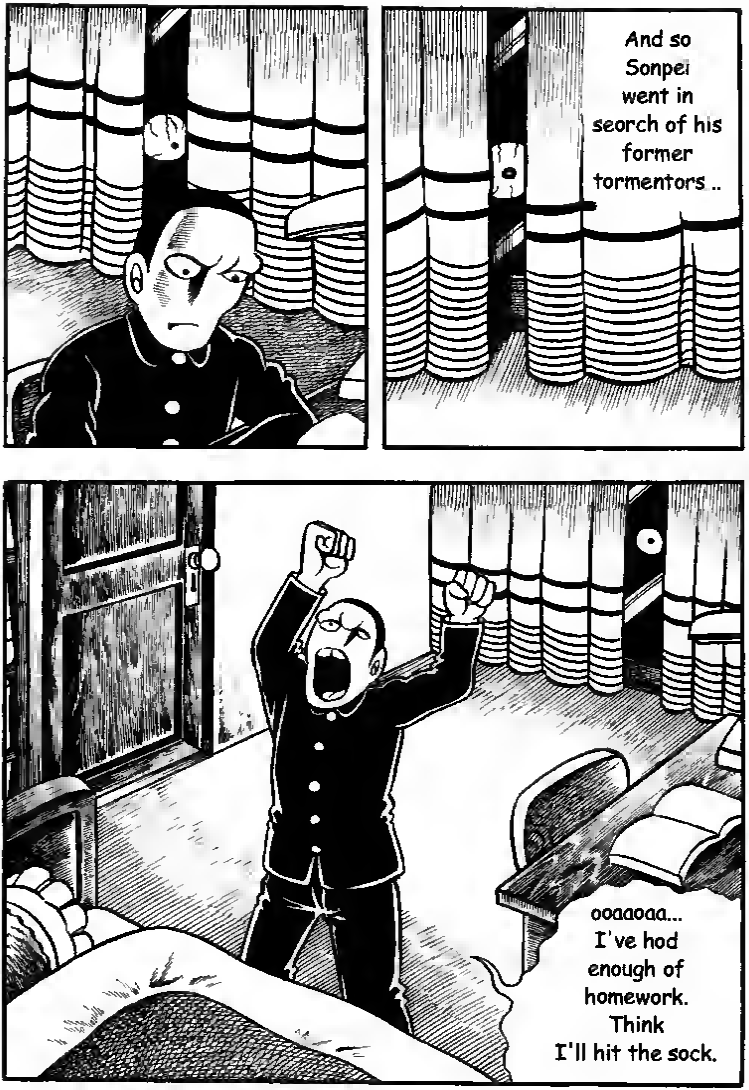

So I've got a poisonous sting in my tail...
And I never even knew!!
If I had known I wauldn't have run away like that..
I can't believe it!! I'm dangerous!!
Amazing!! Me? A dangerous killer!!
And all along I thought I was just some wimpy bug!!


I'm o killer!!
A poisonous bug boy
killer coming
to get you!! Hoh!

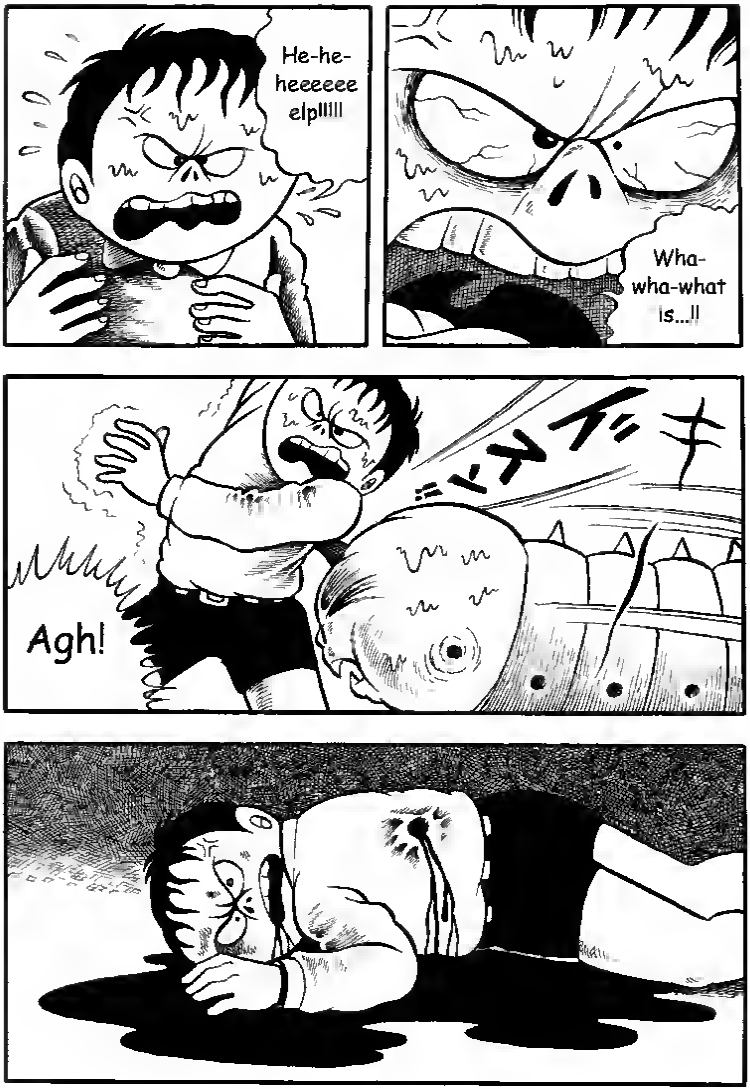

It's
PAY BACK
TIME!!!
Thot's it!!
Everyone who's
ever pushed me
oround... they're
gonno
taste my
poison!!!


And first on my list...
Are those boys that used to bully me everyday!!

Monster of Revenge


And so Sonpei went in seorch of his former tormentors ..
ooaaoaa... I've hod enough of homework. Think I'll hit the sock.

Whoooaaa!!
Er!!
ガチャーン!!
Aaaaah!!... ugh...


He-he-heeeeee elp!!!!!
Wha-wha-what is...!!
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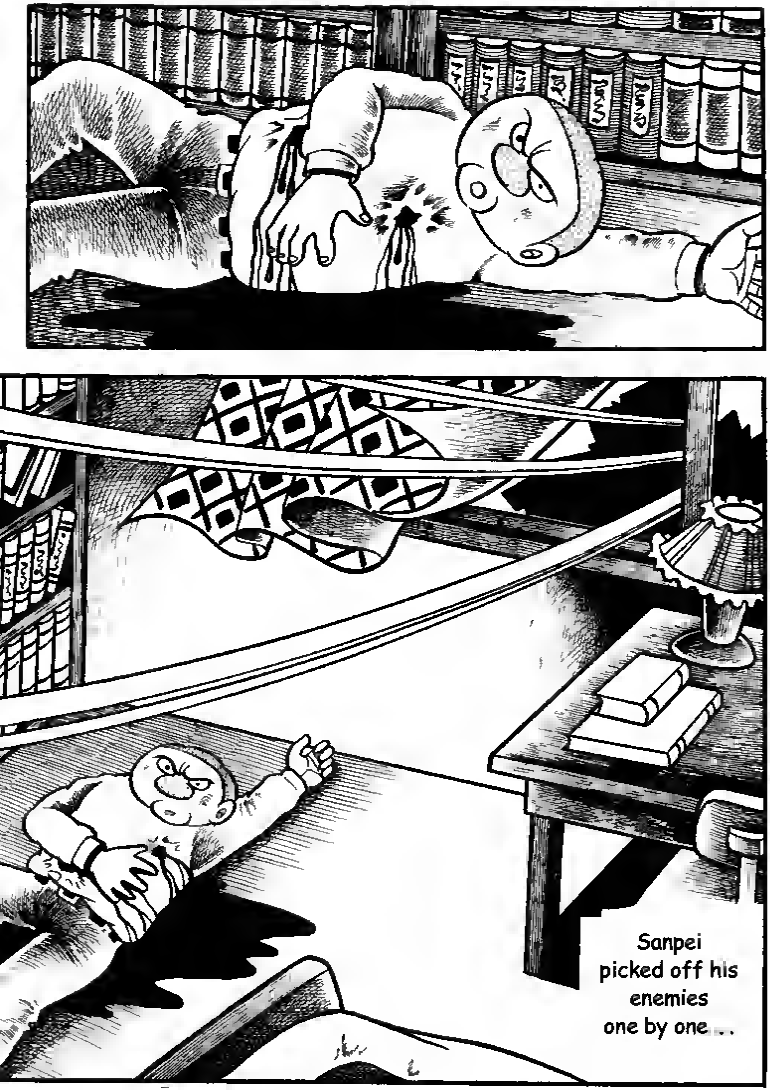
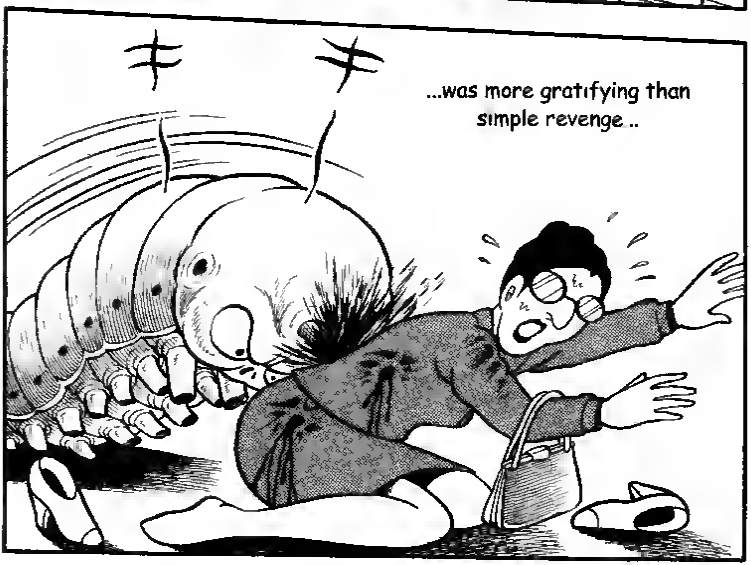
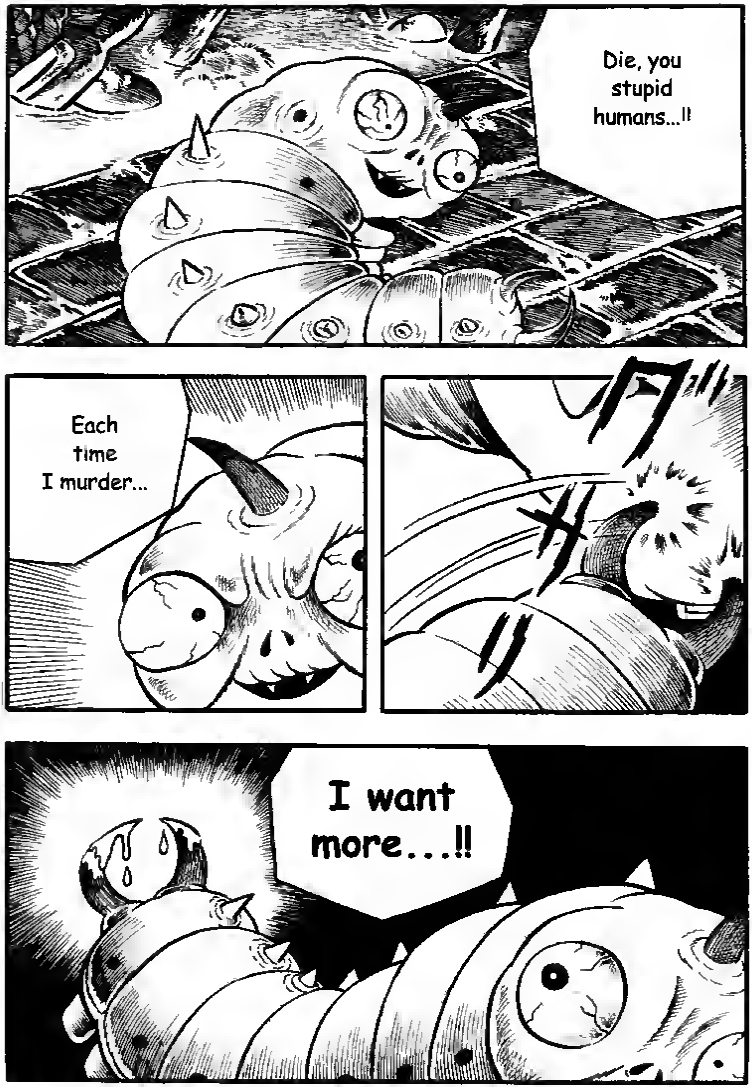
Agh!


Sanpei
picked off his
enemies
one by one . . .

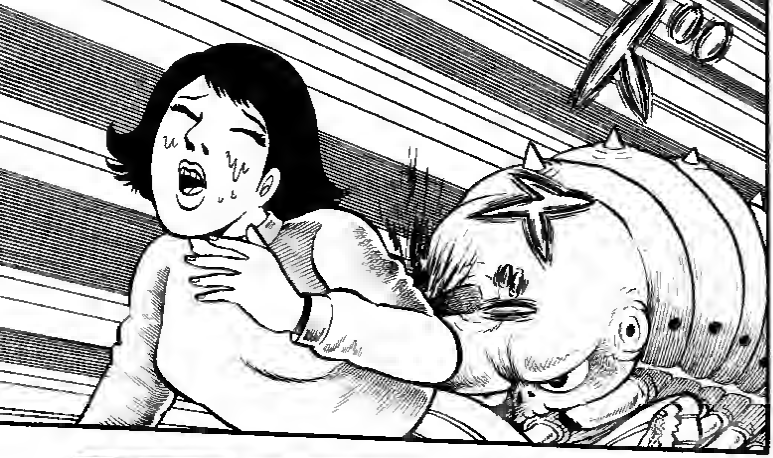
And soon found that
murder itself

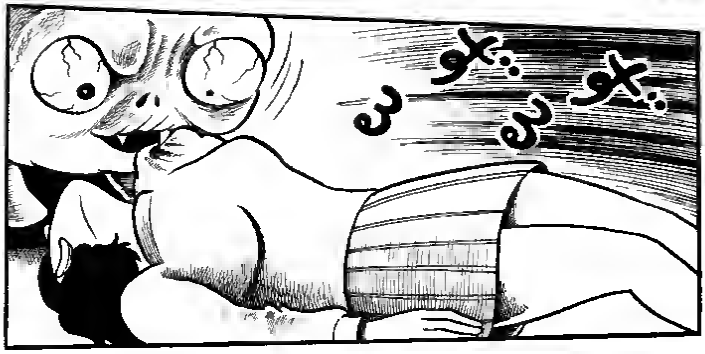

...was more gratifying than
simple revenge ..


Die, you stupid humans...!!
Each time I murder...
I want more...!!

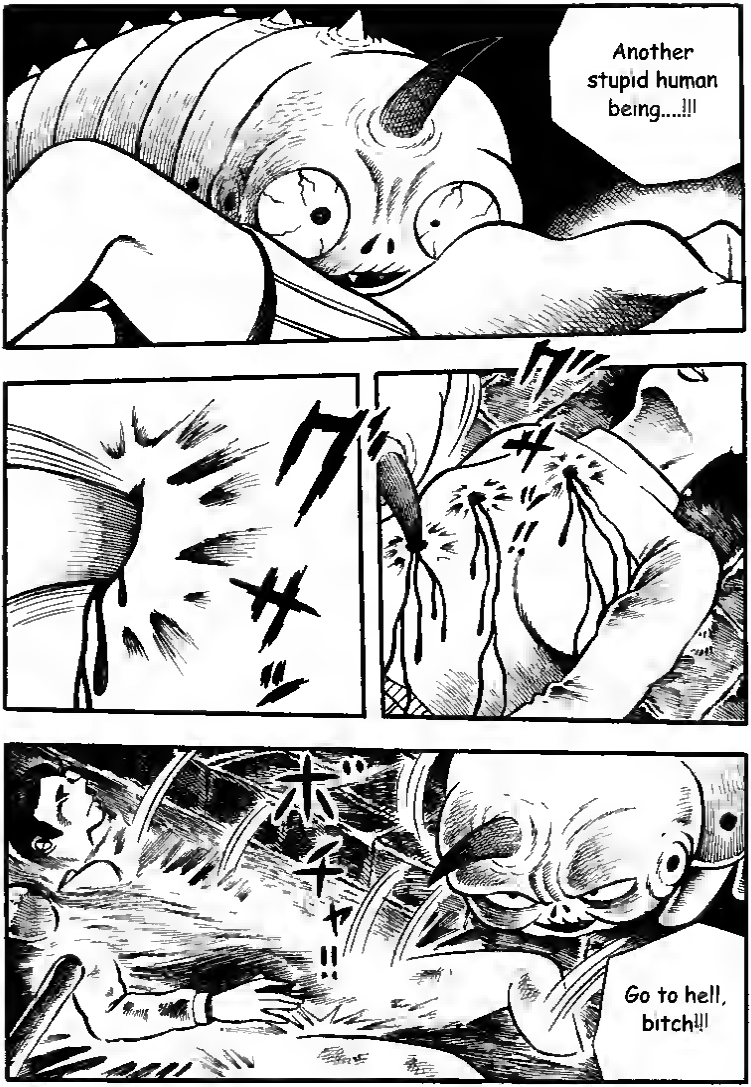
For Sanpei
killing became a drug.
And he was addicted!!

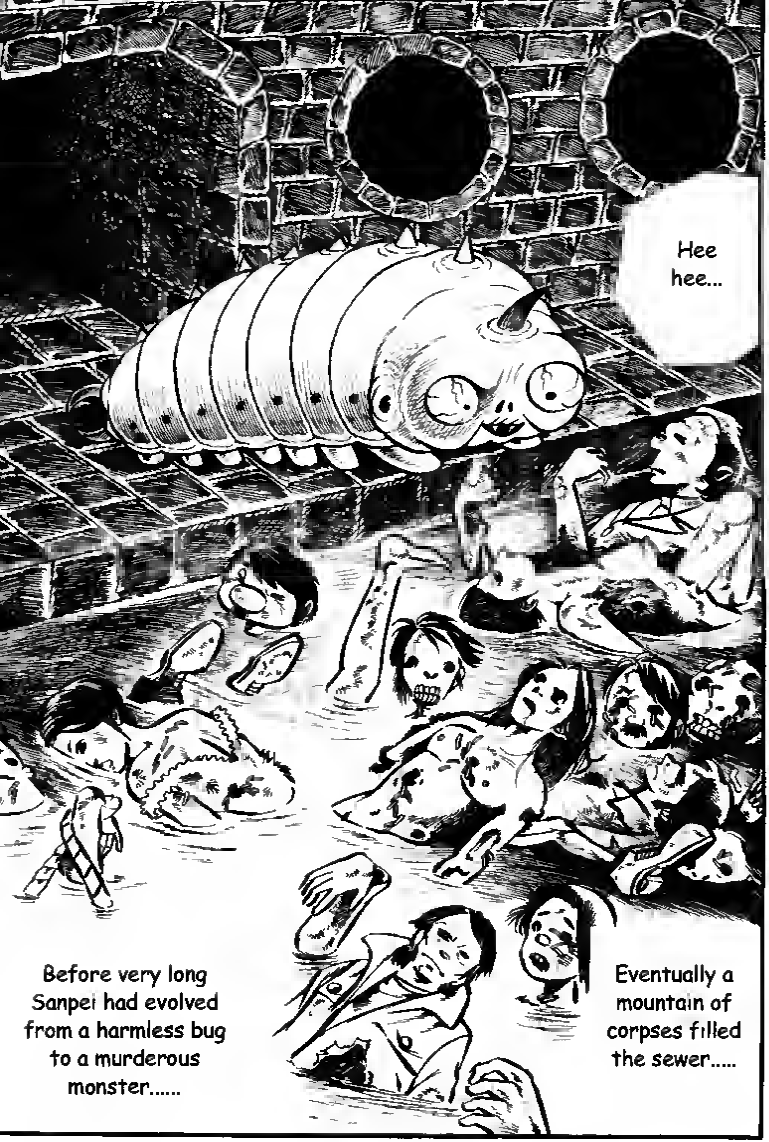
N-n-n-
nooooooo...!!





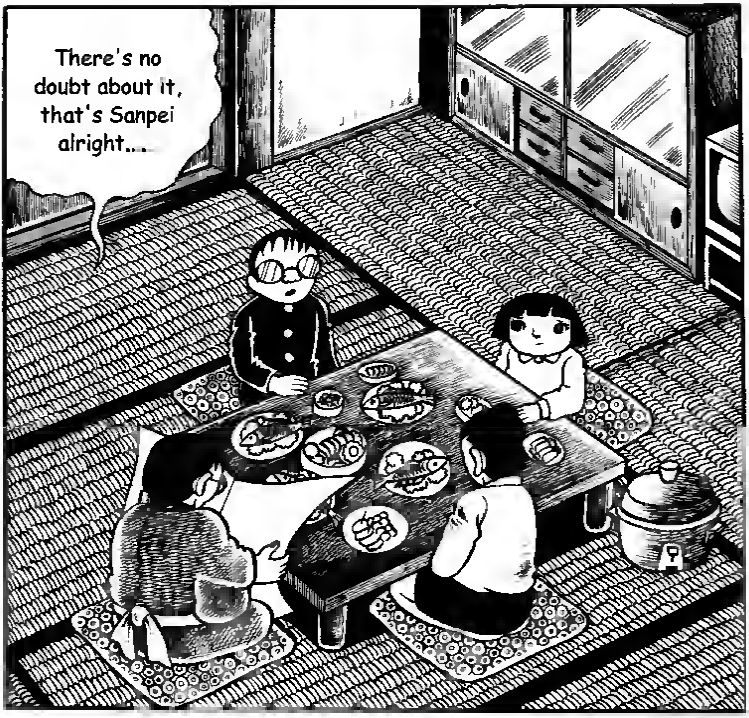
He dragged his victims back to his lair in the sewer.


Another stupid human being....!!!
Go to hell, bitch!!!


Hee hee...
Before very long Sanpei had evolved from a harmless bug to a murderous monster.....
Eventually a mountain of corpses filled the sewer.....

The Fateful Shot

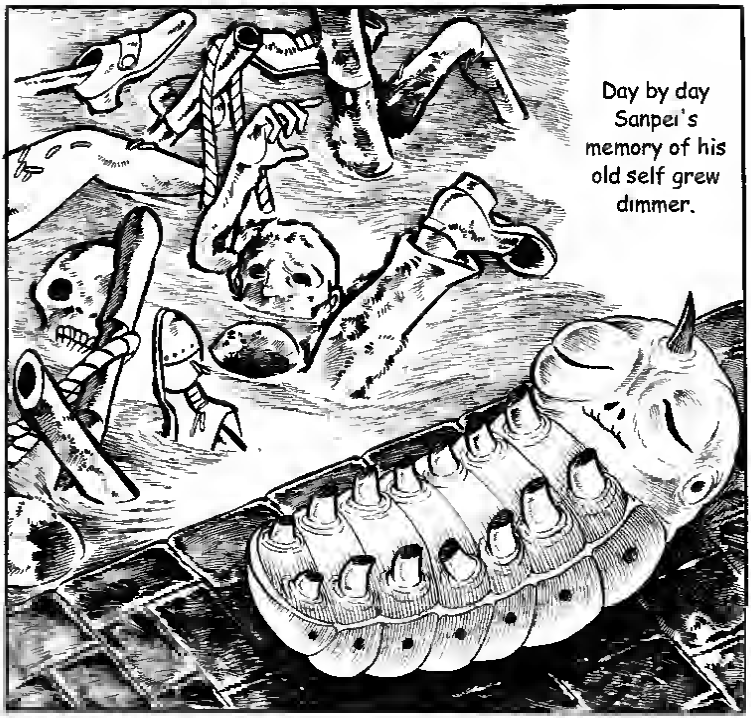
"Killer Bug Strikes Again!"


There's no doubt about it, that's Sanpei alright....

If so, we should all start worrying...
So that means he's still alive....

But ..but I thought he was dead...
He can't be thinking like o human being onymore.
Thot's right!! And we'll probobly be his next victims!!
And it was us who tried to kill him...
Toke it easy, oll of you... I've got on idea.....
Tha-tha-thot's right..!! Whot ore we going to do?!!

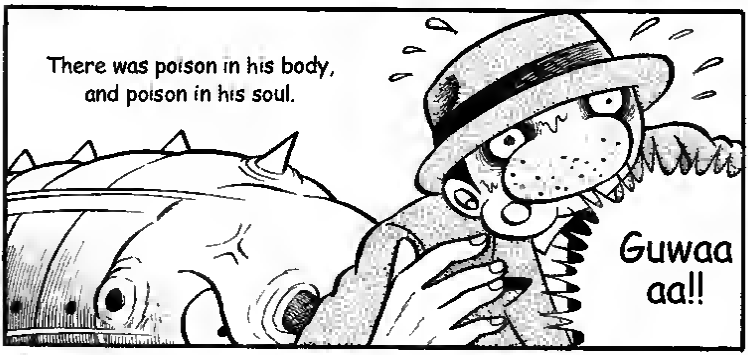
Under here is where I keep my gun It's always looded. So if he cames...
But I'm his father and its my duty... for our sokes ond his
If he goes on like this the palice are sure ta kill him...


Day by day Sanpei's memory of his old self grew dimmer.

And eventually he forgot that he was ever a human being

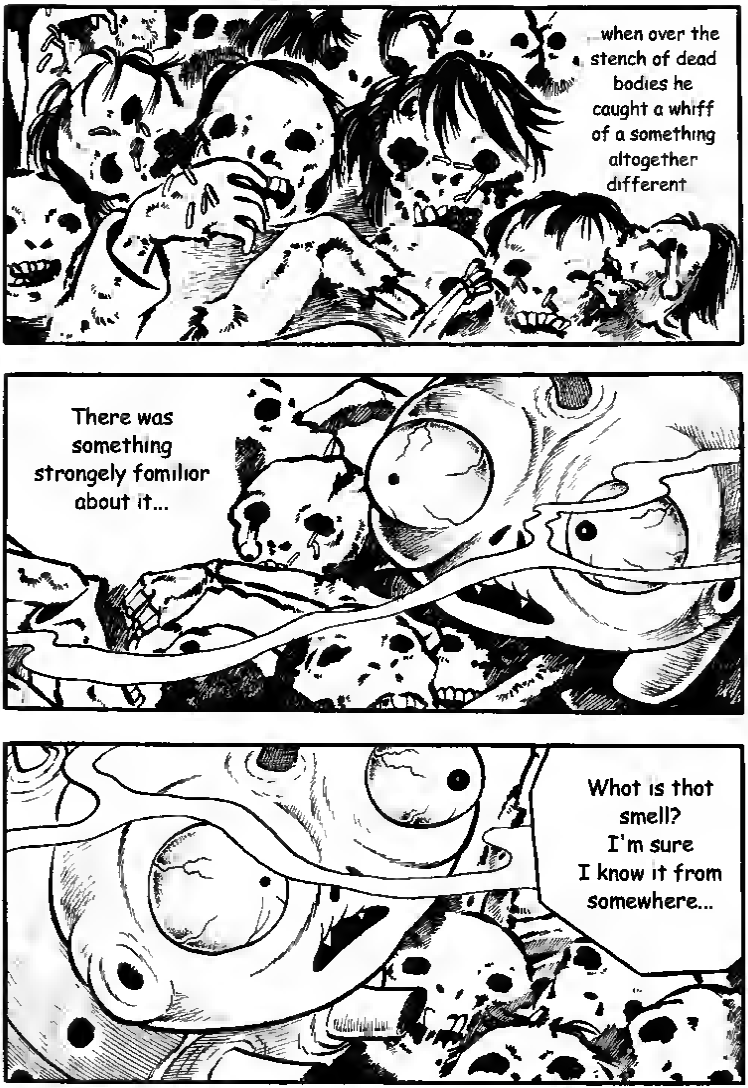
Y'can all go to hell!!! Hic!
And each night he went out to kill with no feeling of remorse or undertsanding of the wrong he was doing.

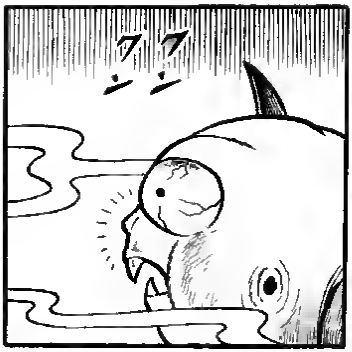
Eh! Ain't I seen you some place before... Burp!
Sanpei was no longer human.


There was poison in his body, and poison in his soul.
Guwaa aa!!

And then one day fate cought up with him.

As usuol Sanpei was ploying with his collection of corpses and ripping off choice chunks of flesh to eat...


...when over the stench of dead bodies he caught a whiff of a something altogether different
There was something strongely familior about it...
Whot is thot smell? I'm sure I know it from somewhere...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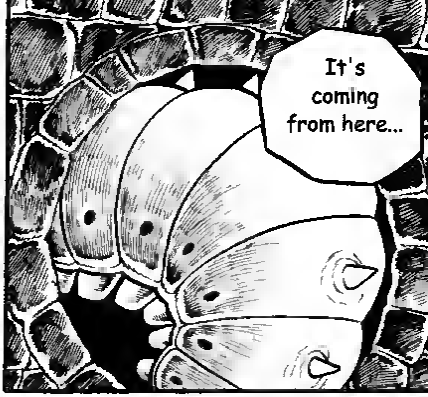
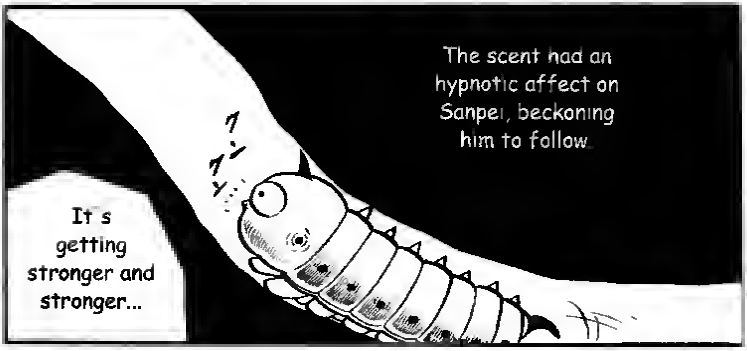

It's coming from here...


The scent had an hypnotic affect on Sanpei, beckoning him to follow.
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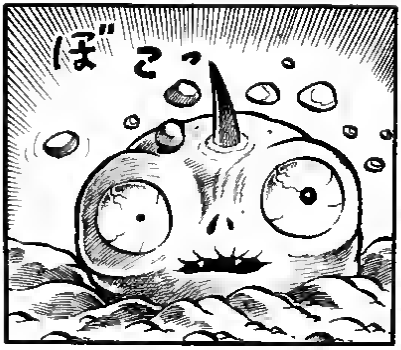
It's getting stronger and stronger...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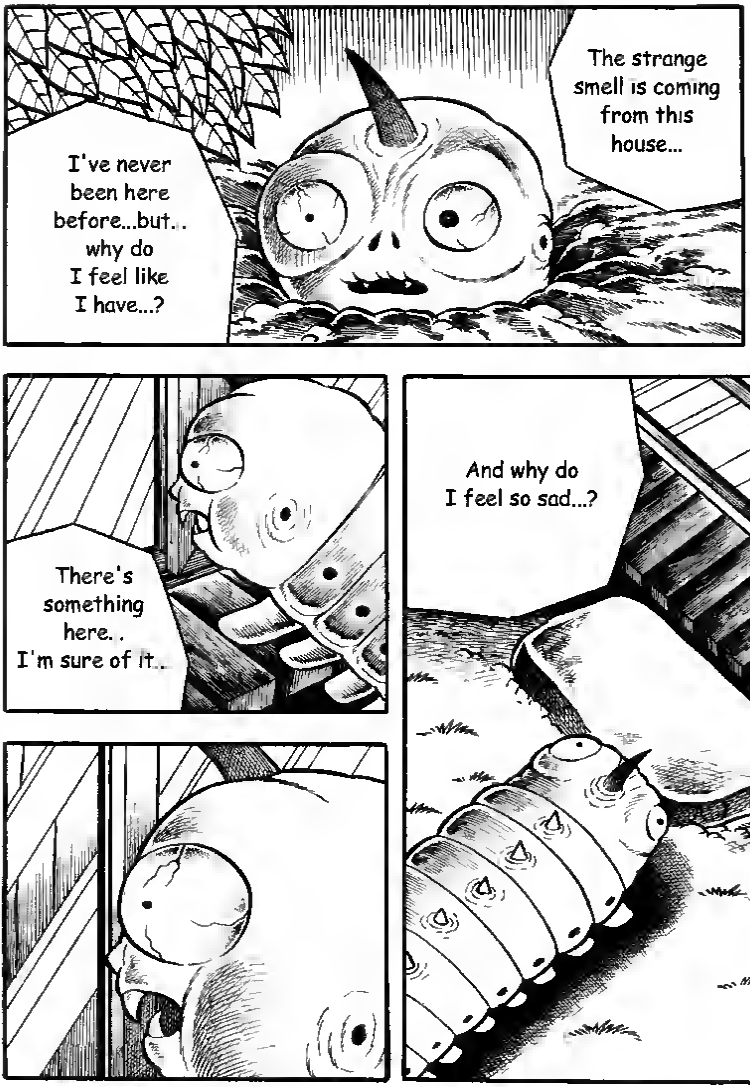
Ah!!
What is this place...?

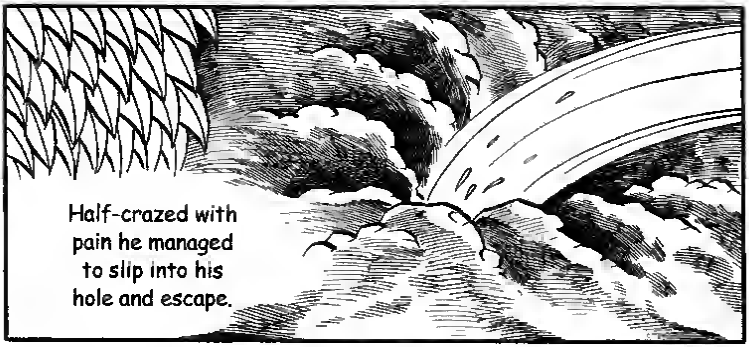

The strange smell is coming from this house...
I've never been here before...but.. why do I feel like I have...?
There's something here.. I'm sure of it..
And why do I feel so sad...?

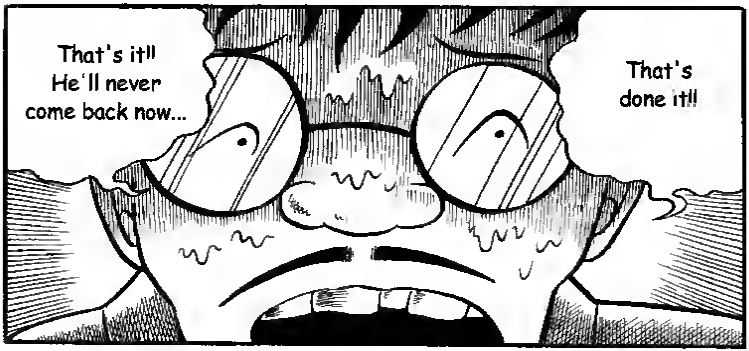
When Sonpei looked inside the house a wave of emotion rose inside him and tears rushed to his eyes...

It's him...
Did you here something...?!!
I will... I will..
Please dear, be careful!!
Eh!

Get outta here you filthy creature!!! Die, damn you, die!!

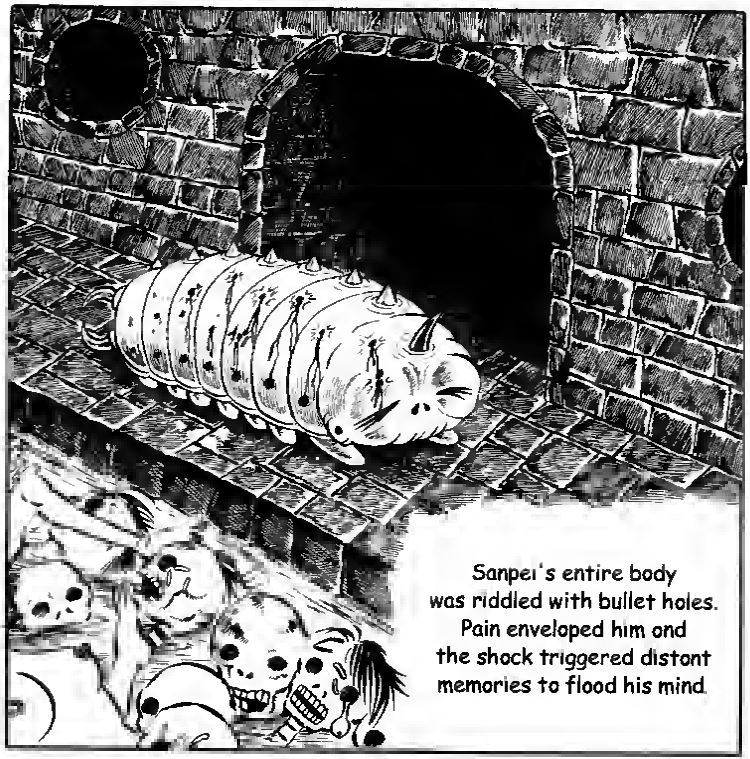
Sanpei had no idea what happened next...

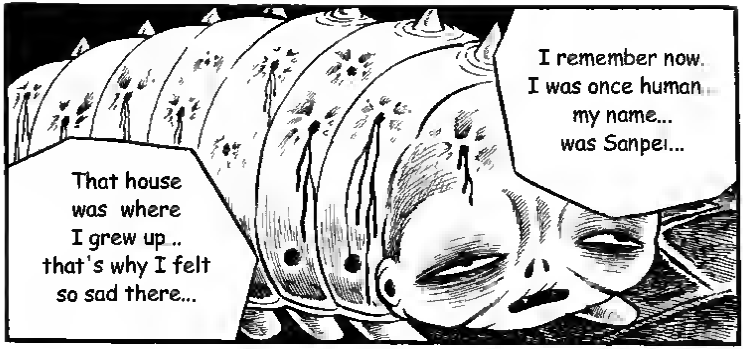

Half-crazed with pain he managed to slip into his hole and escape.

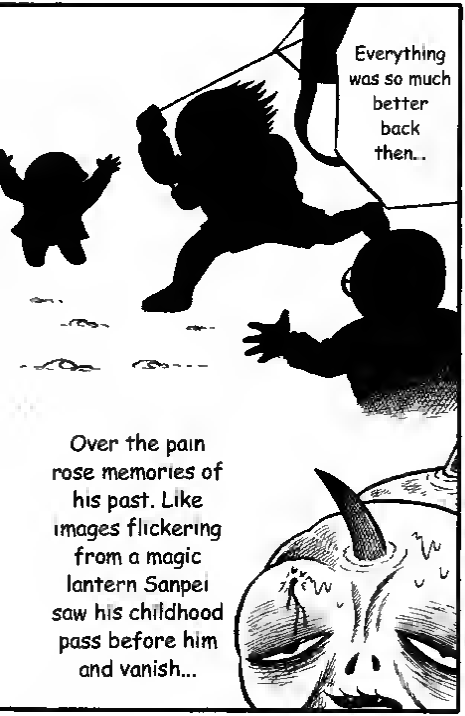

That's it!! He'll never come back now...
That's done it!!

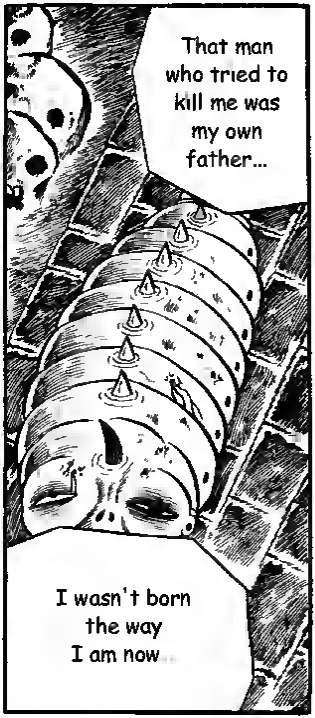
Dad...!!
Oh... my...
We're saved!!

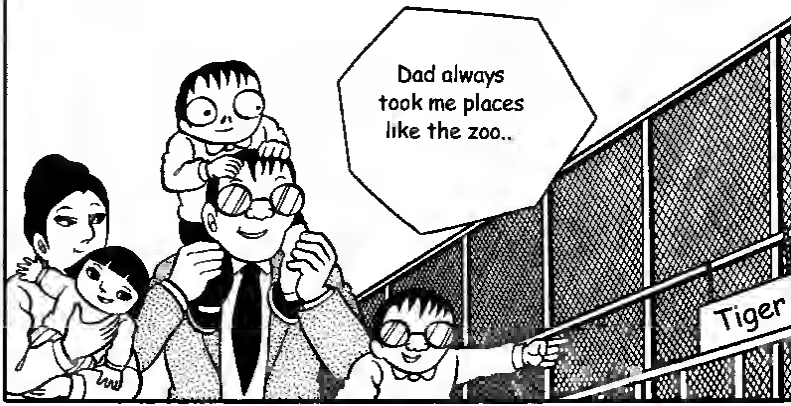
Return to the Sea

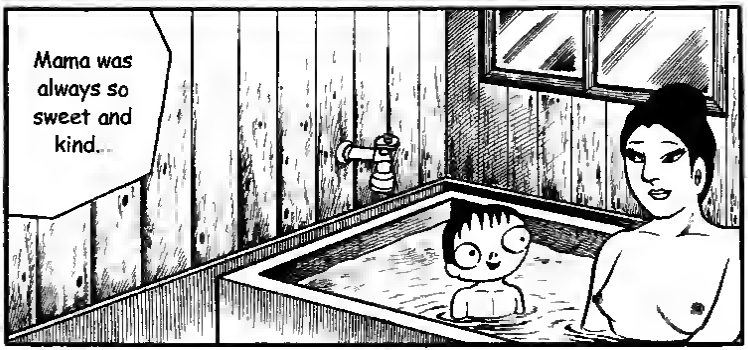

Sanpei's entire body was riddled with bullet holes. Pain enveloped him and the shock triggered distant memories to flood his mind.

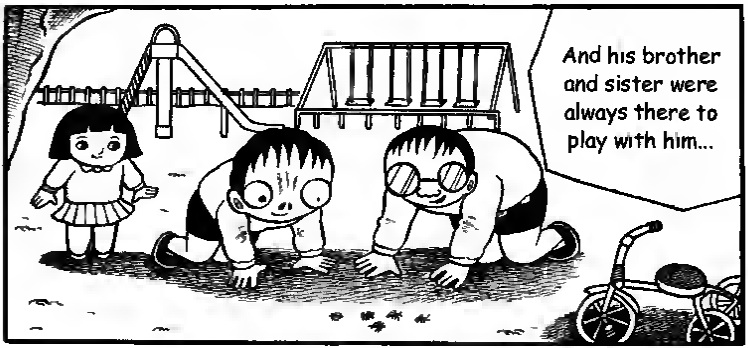

I remember now. I was once human... my name... was Sanpei...
That house was where I grew up .. that's why I felt so sad there...

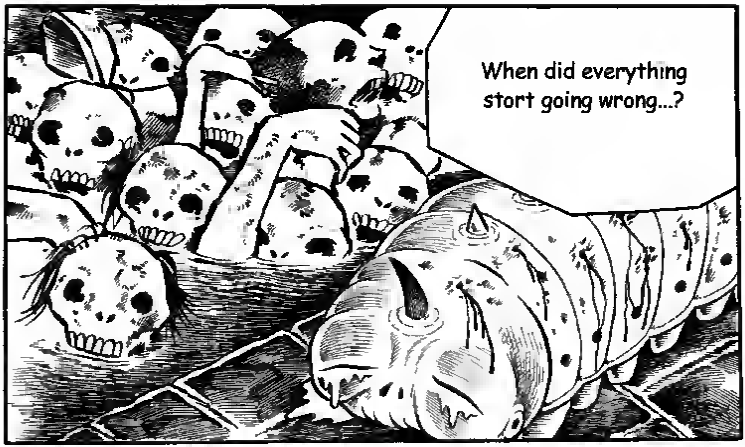

Everything was so much better back then..
Over the pain rose memories of his past. Like images flickering from a magic lantern Sanpei saw his childhood pass before him and vanish...

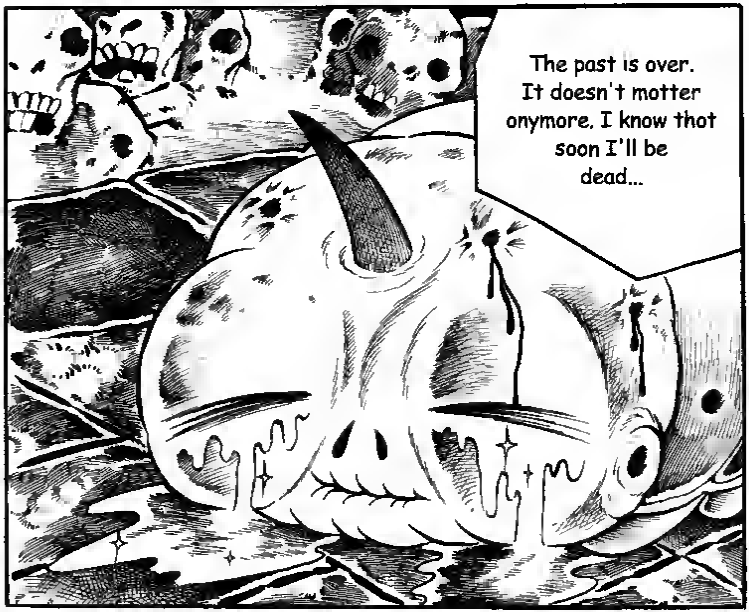

That man who tried to kill me was my own father...
I wasn't born the way I am now...


Dad always took me places like the zoo..
Tiger

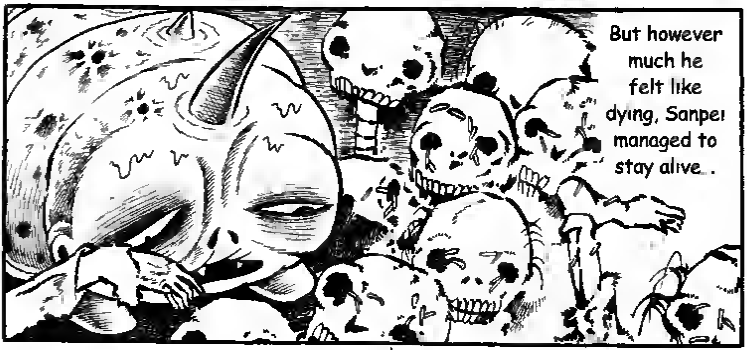

Mama was always so sweet and kind...


And his brother and sister were always there to play with him...

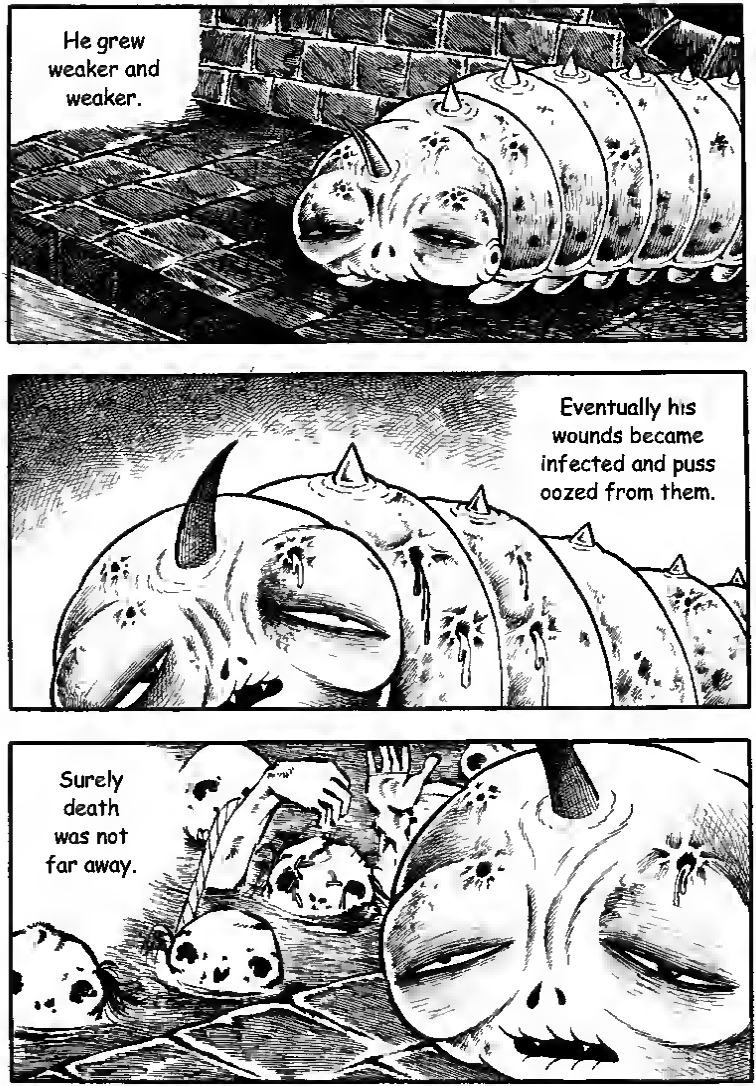

When did everything stort going wrong...?


The past is over. It doesn't motter onymore. I know thot soon I'll be dead...

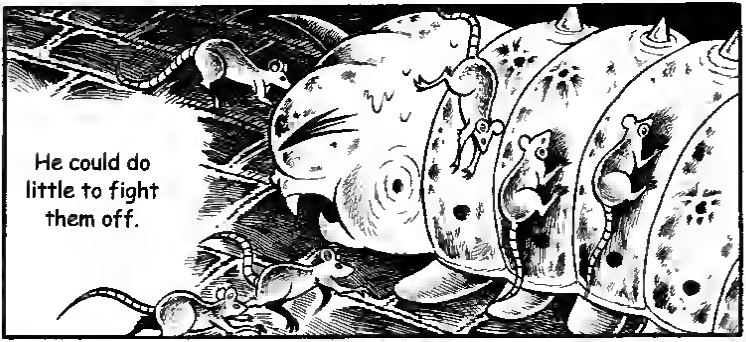
Doys ond nights of torturous pain ond high fever possed...

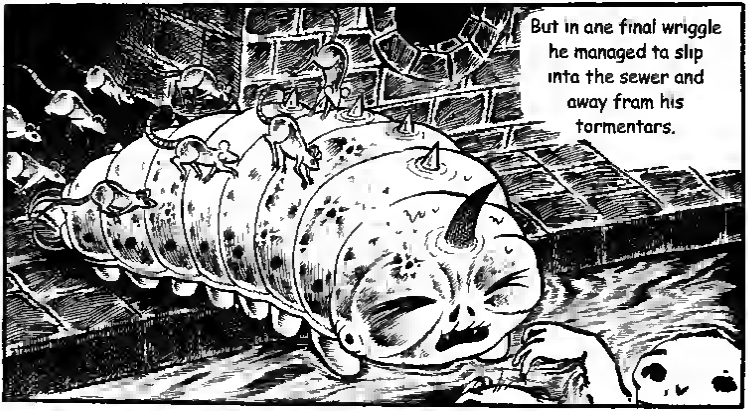

But however much he felt like dying, Sanpei managed to stay alive..

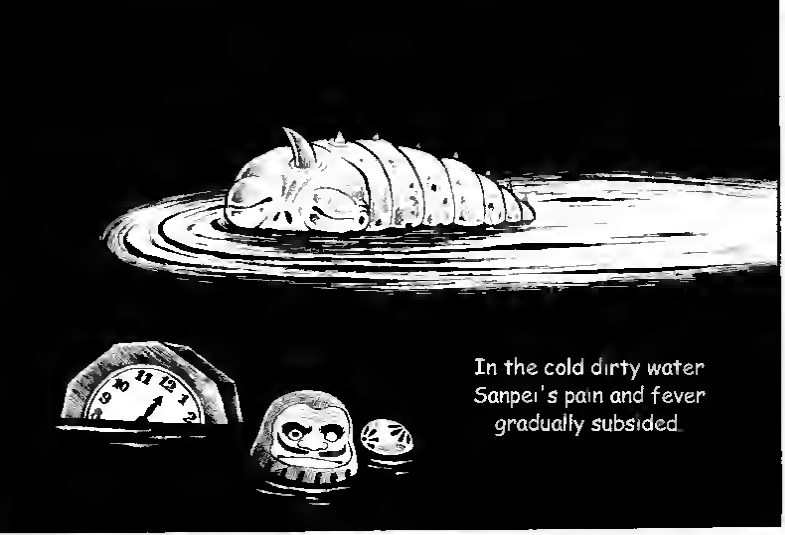
And the humon flesh he once found so delicious now repulsed him.

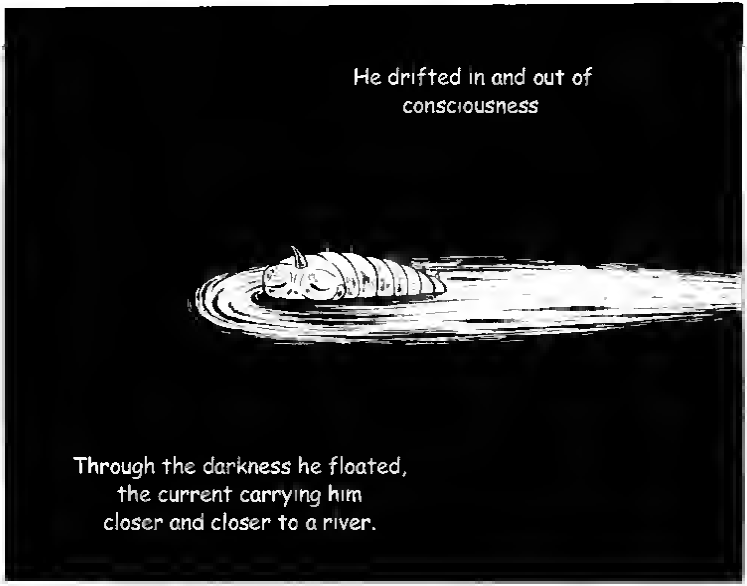

He grew weaker and weaker.
Eventually his wounds became infected and puss oozed from them.
Surely death was not far away.

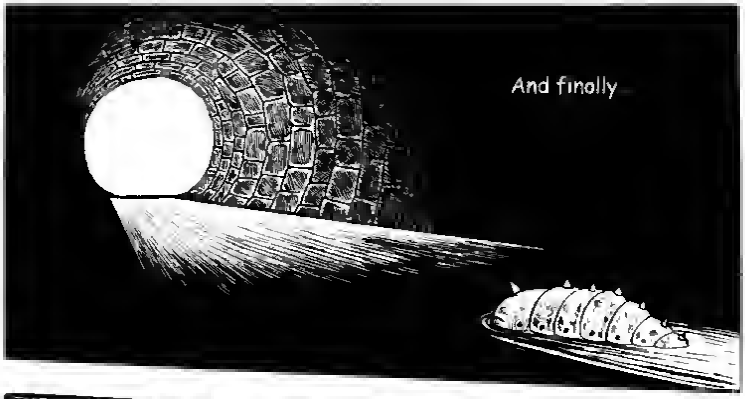
And then, without warning, a swarm of ravenous rats appeared and leapt all over him biting into his flesh.


He could do little to fight them off.


But in one final wriggle he managed to slip into the sewer and away from his tormentors.


In the cold dirty water
Sanpei's pain and fever
gradually subsided.


He drifted in and out of
consciousness
Through the darkness he floated,
the current carrying him
closer and closer to a river.


And finally

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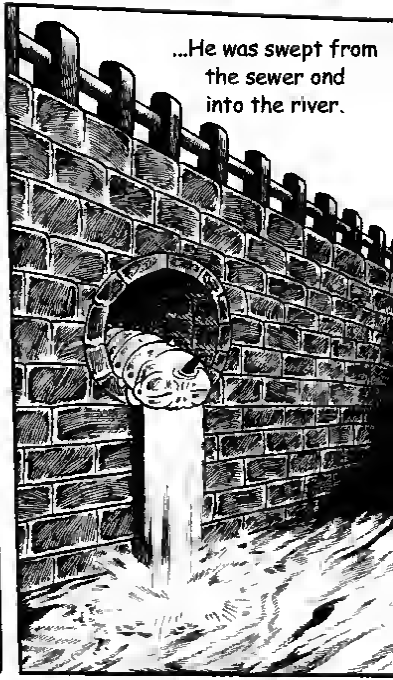
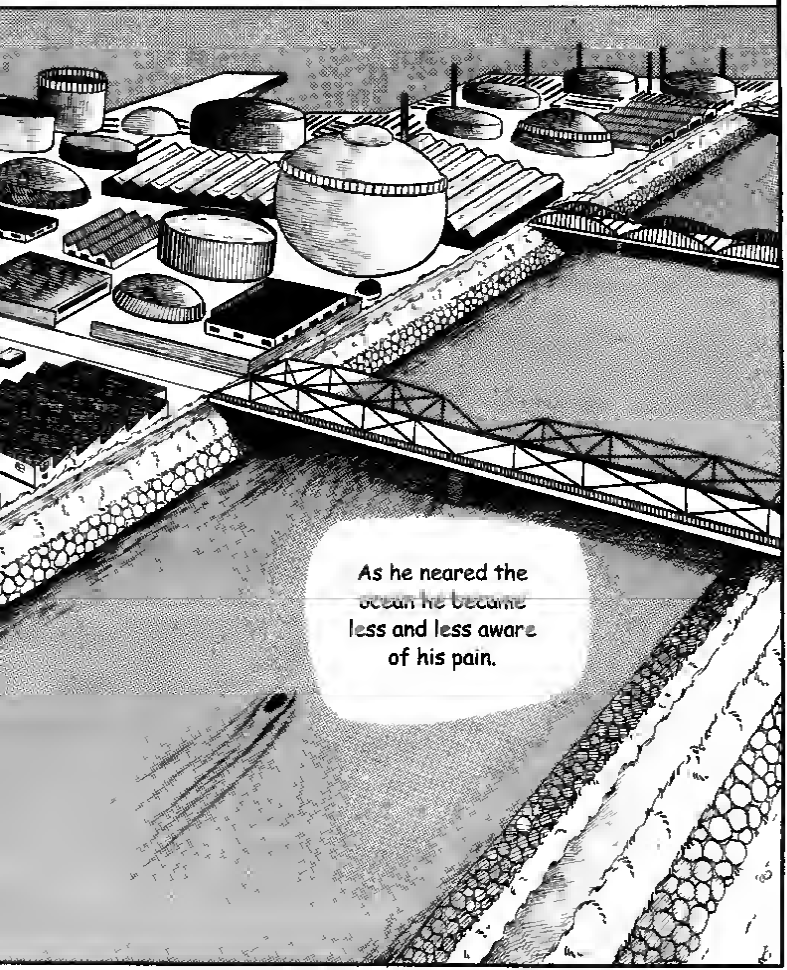
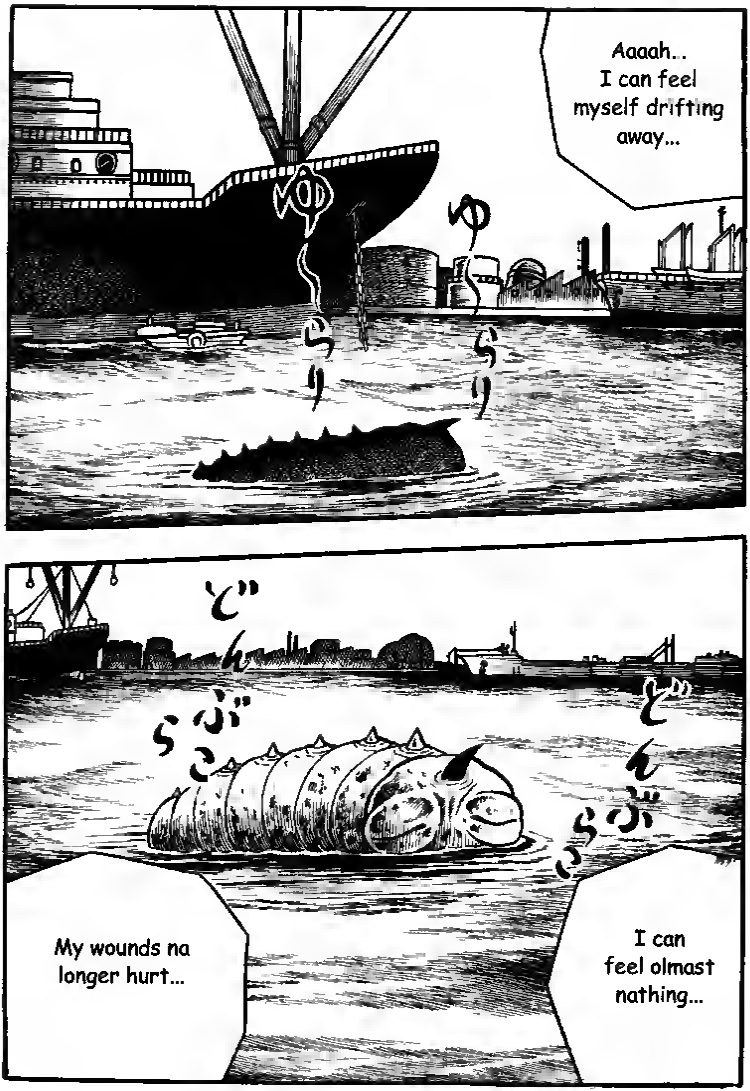
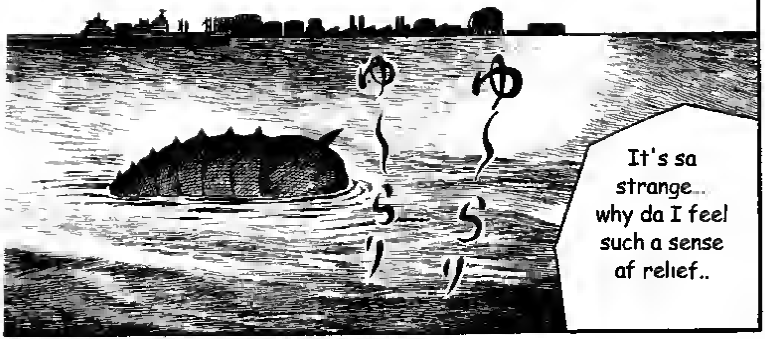
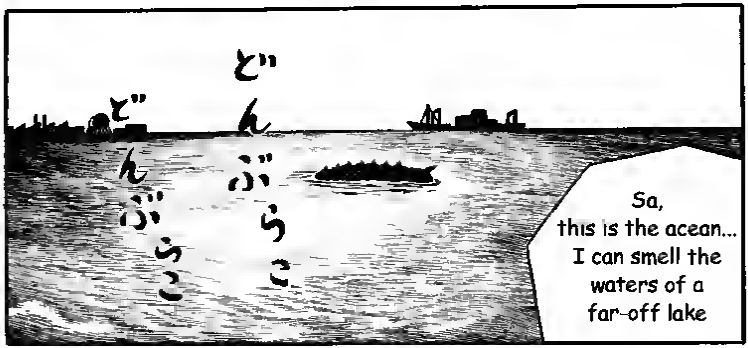
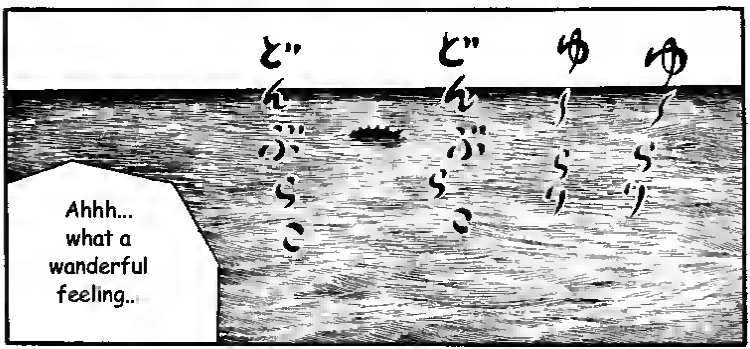

...He was swept from the sewer and into the river.


As he neared the ocean he became less and less aware of his pain.


Aaaah..
I can feel
myself drifting
away...
My wounds na
longer hurt...
I can
feel olmast
nathing...


It's sa strange... why da I feel such a sense af relief..


Sa, this is the acean... I can smell the waters of a far-off lake


Ahhh... what a wanderful feeling..

Nothing..
There is...
...nothing
more...
どんぶらこ
どんぶらこ
ゆらり
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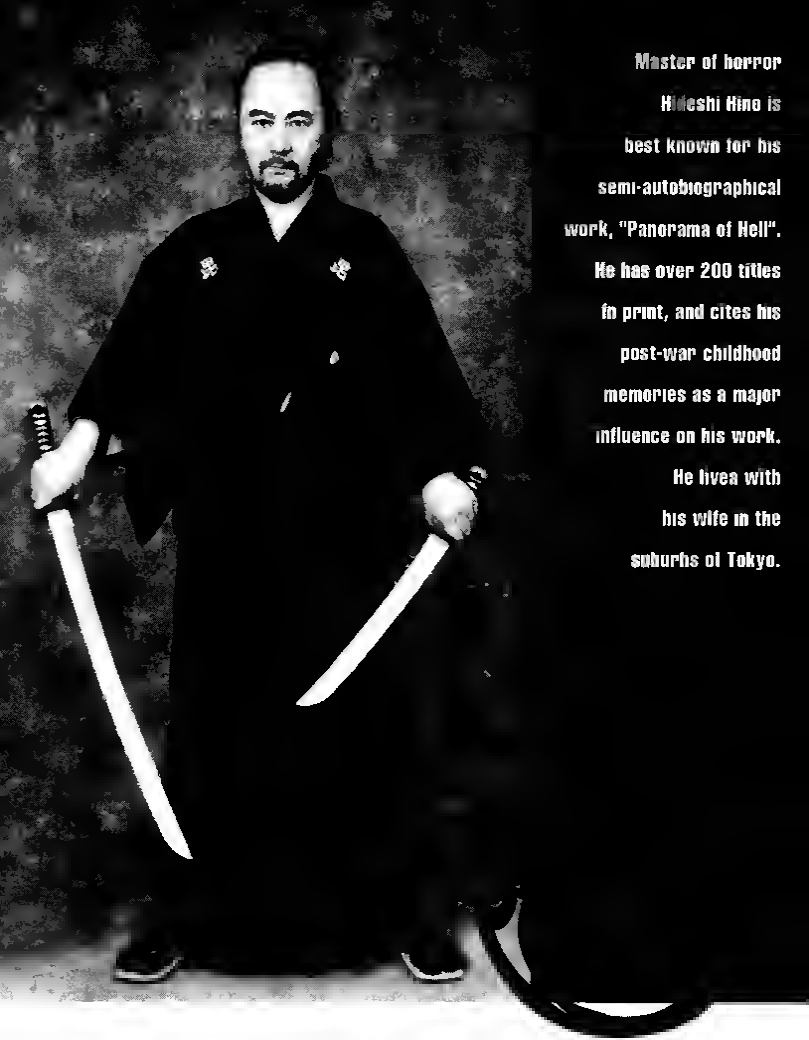
And with that, Sanpei vanished into the setting sun.

THE END



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